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PREVIOUSLY IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG...

IT'S TOUGH BEING

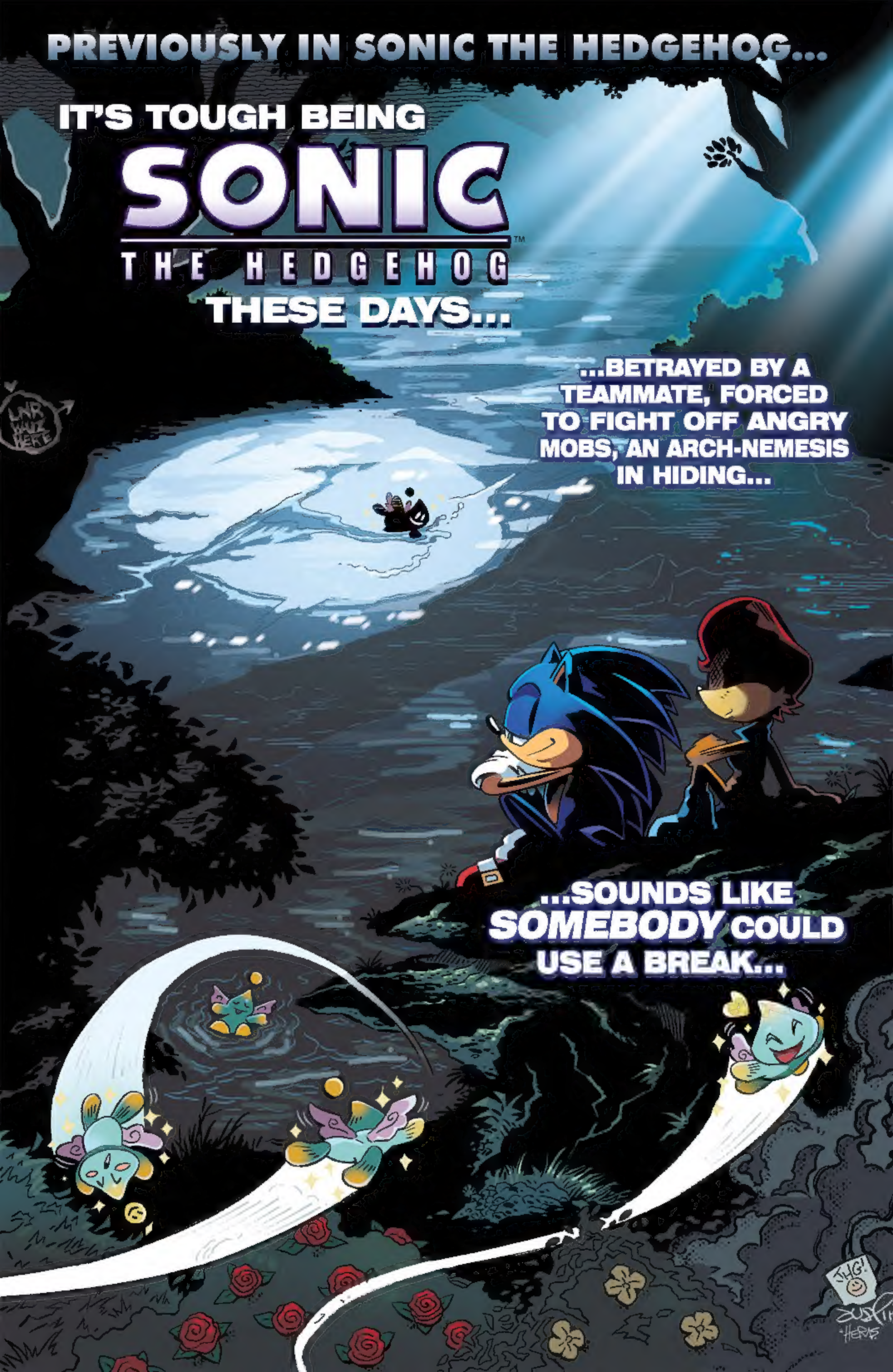
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THESE DAYS...

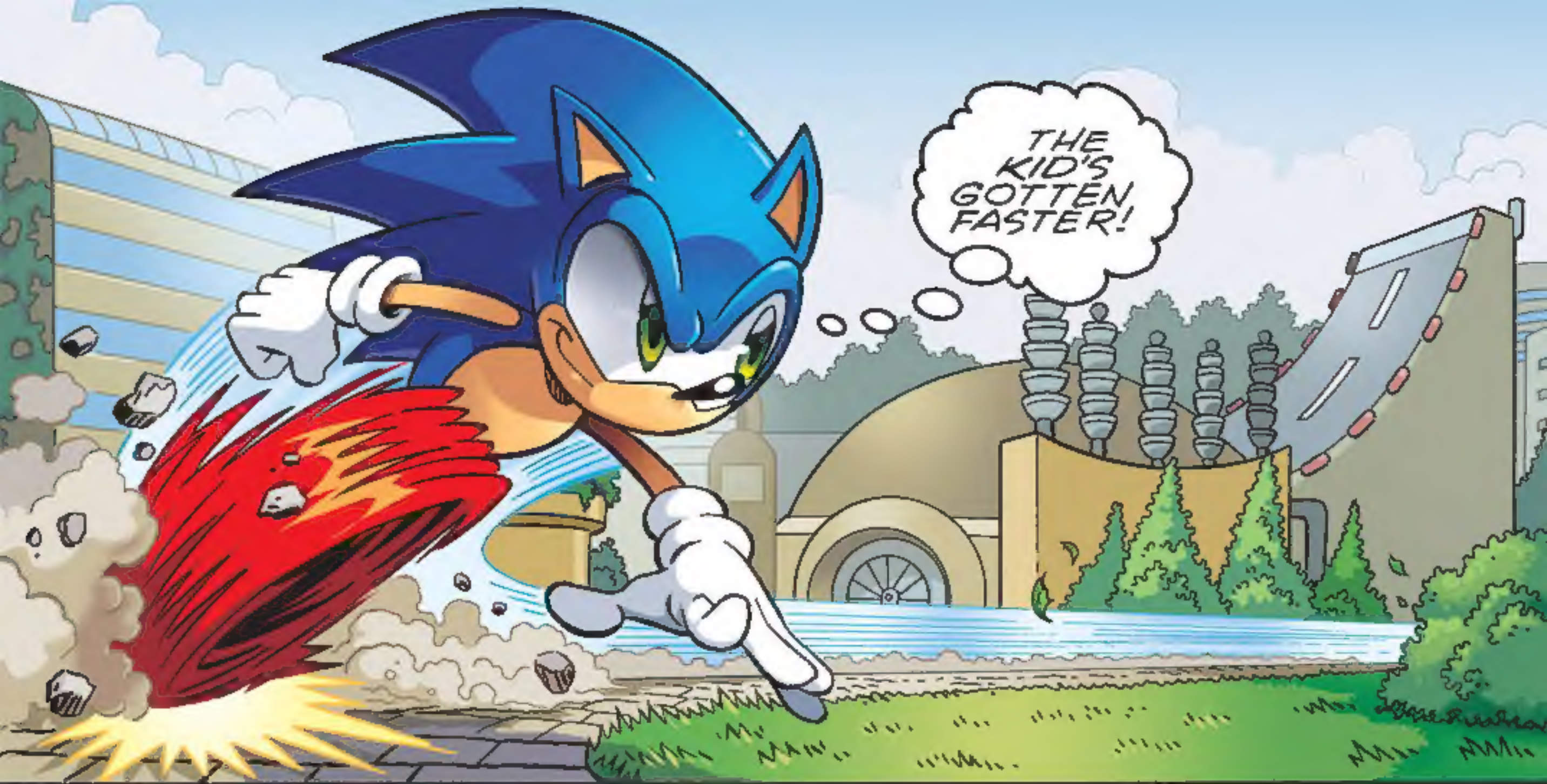
**...BETRAYED BY A
TEAMMATE, FORCED
TO FIGHT OFF ANGRY
MOBS, AN ARCH-NEMESIS
IN HIDING...**

**...SOUNDS LIKE
SOMEBODY COULD
USE A BREAK...**

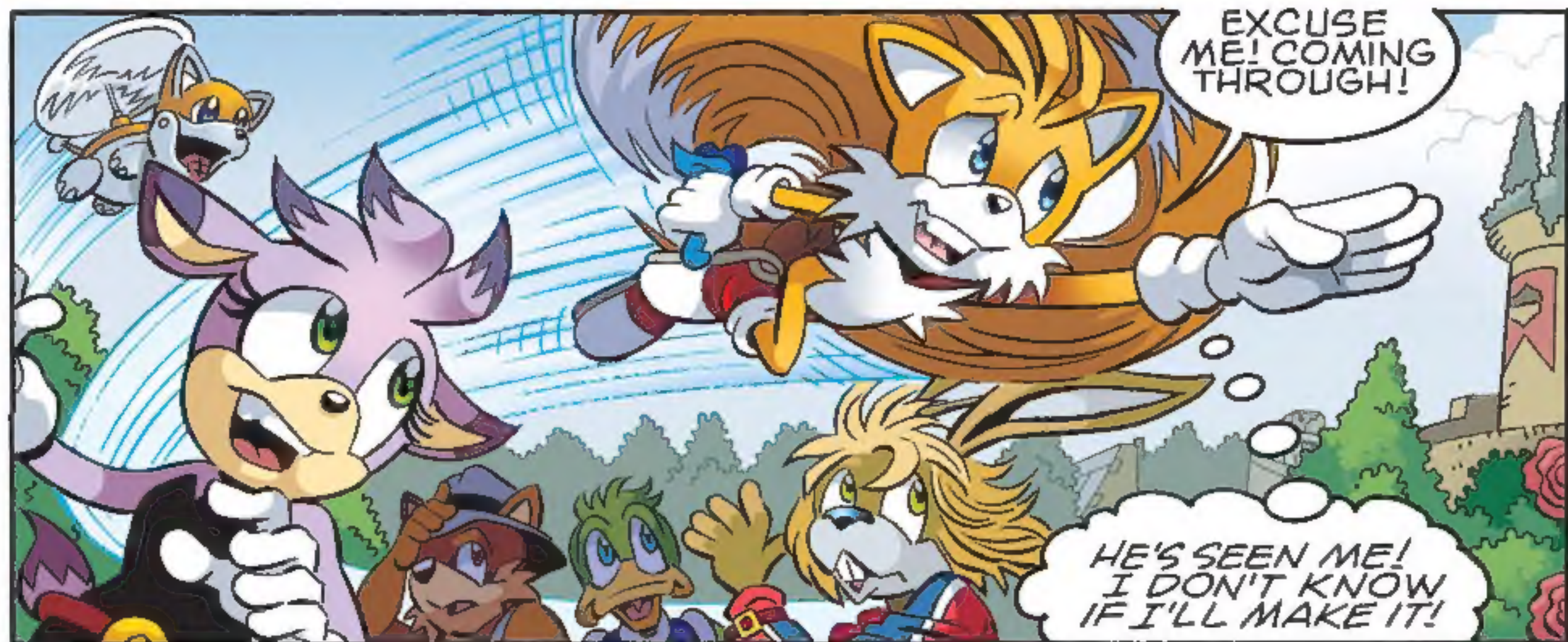


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WALK
HERE

THG!
JUST
HERAS

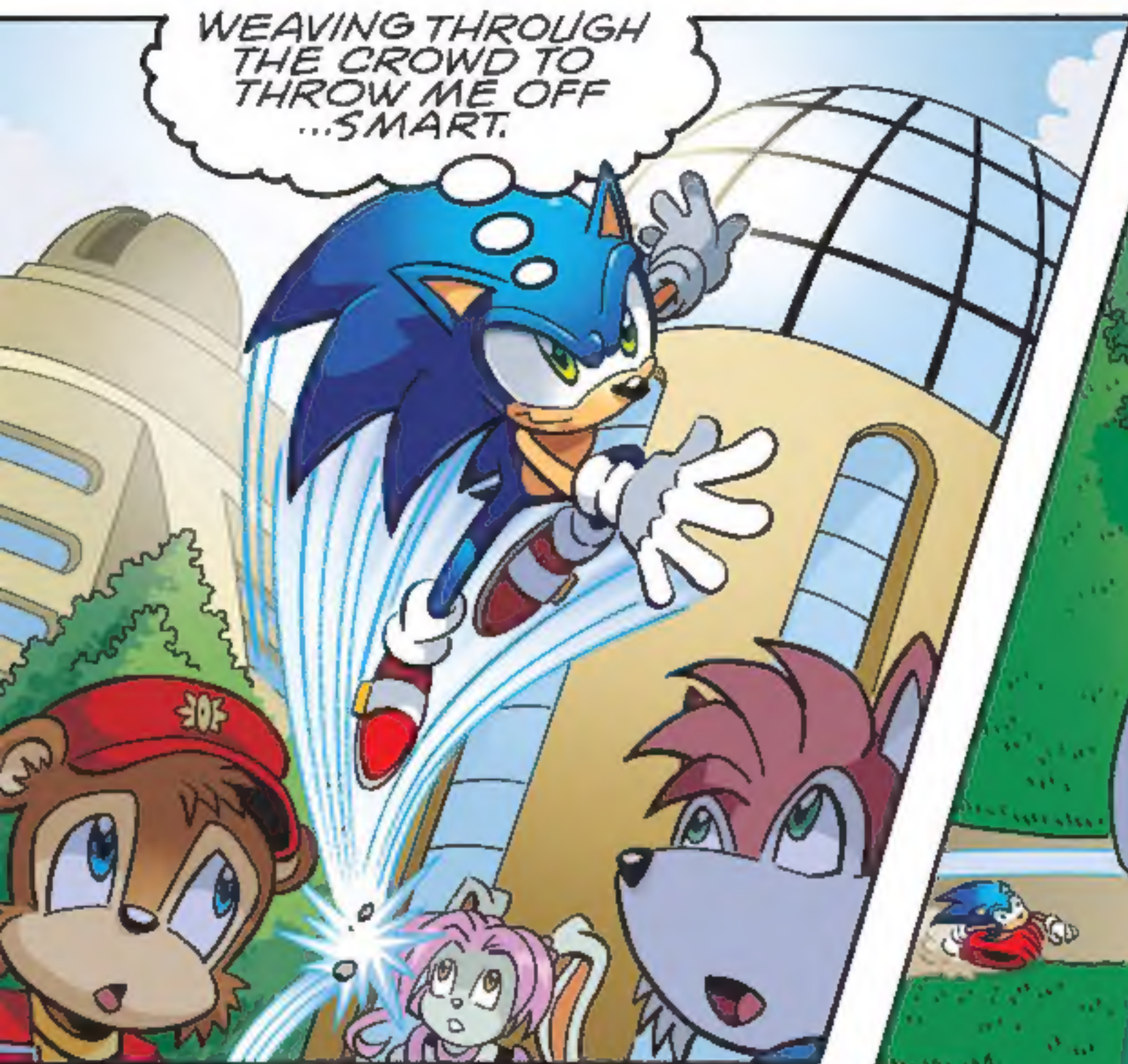


THE KID'S GOTTEN FASTER!

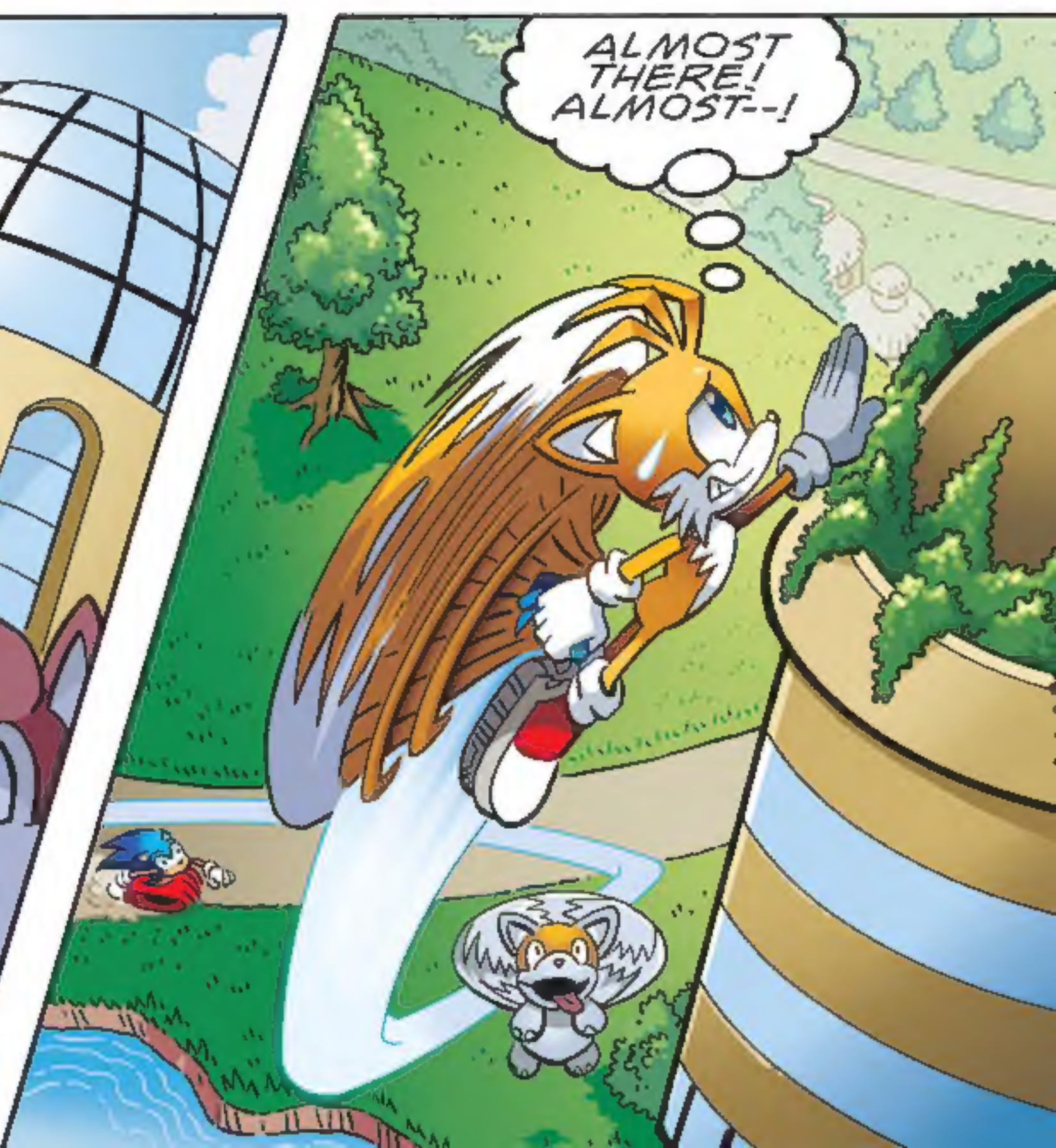


EXCUSE ME! COMING THROUGH!

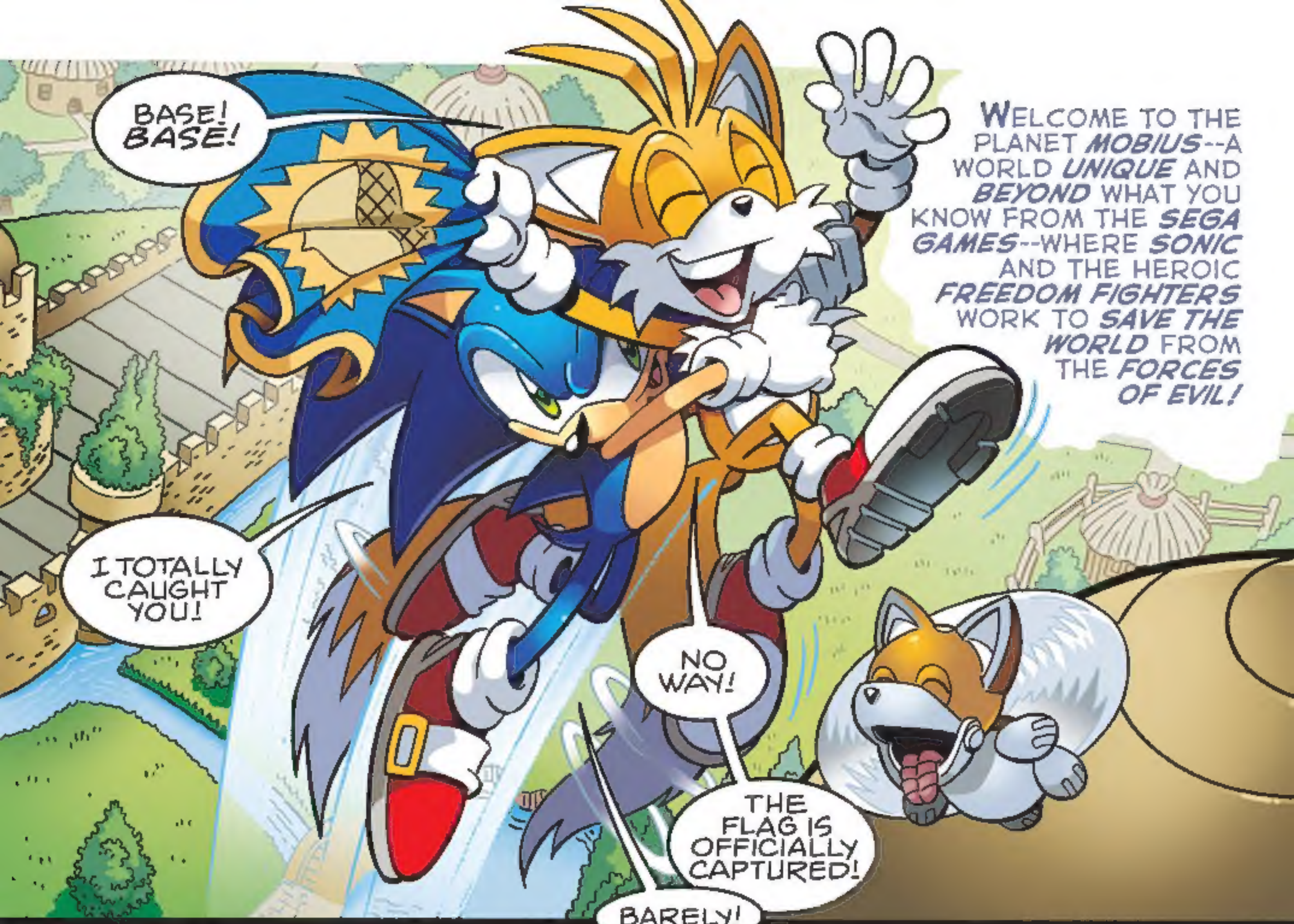
HE'S SEEN ME! I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL MAKE IT!



WEAVING THROUGH THE CROWD TO THROW ME OFF ...SMART.



ALMOST THERE! ALMOST--!



WELCOME TO THE PLANET *MOBIUS*--A WORLD *UNIQUE* AND *BEYOND* WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE *SEGA GAMES*--WHERE *SONIC* AND THE HEROIC *FREEDOM FIGHTERS* WORK TO *SAVE THE WORLD* FROM THE *FORCES OF EVIL!*

THE WORLD CAN WAIT

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Evil Wizard

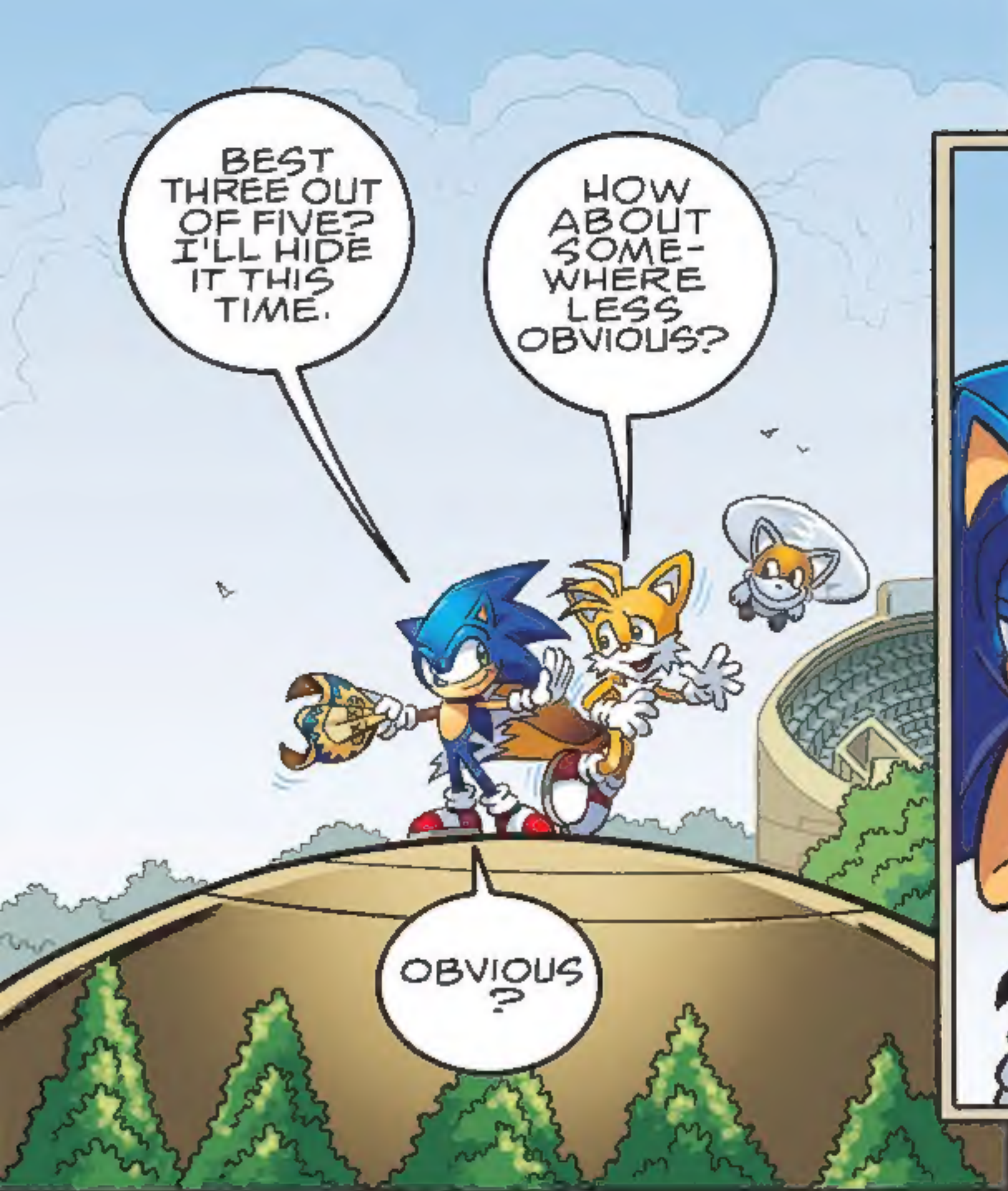
SIR CHARLES
Sonic's Uncle

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
Hero of Mobius

QUEEN ALICIA
Sally's Mother

SALLY ACORN
Sonic's Old Flame

GEOFFREY ST. JOHN
Traitor



BEST THREE OUT OF FIVE? I'LL HIDE IT THIS TIME.

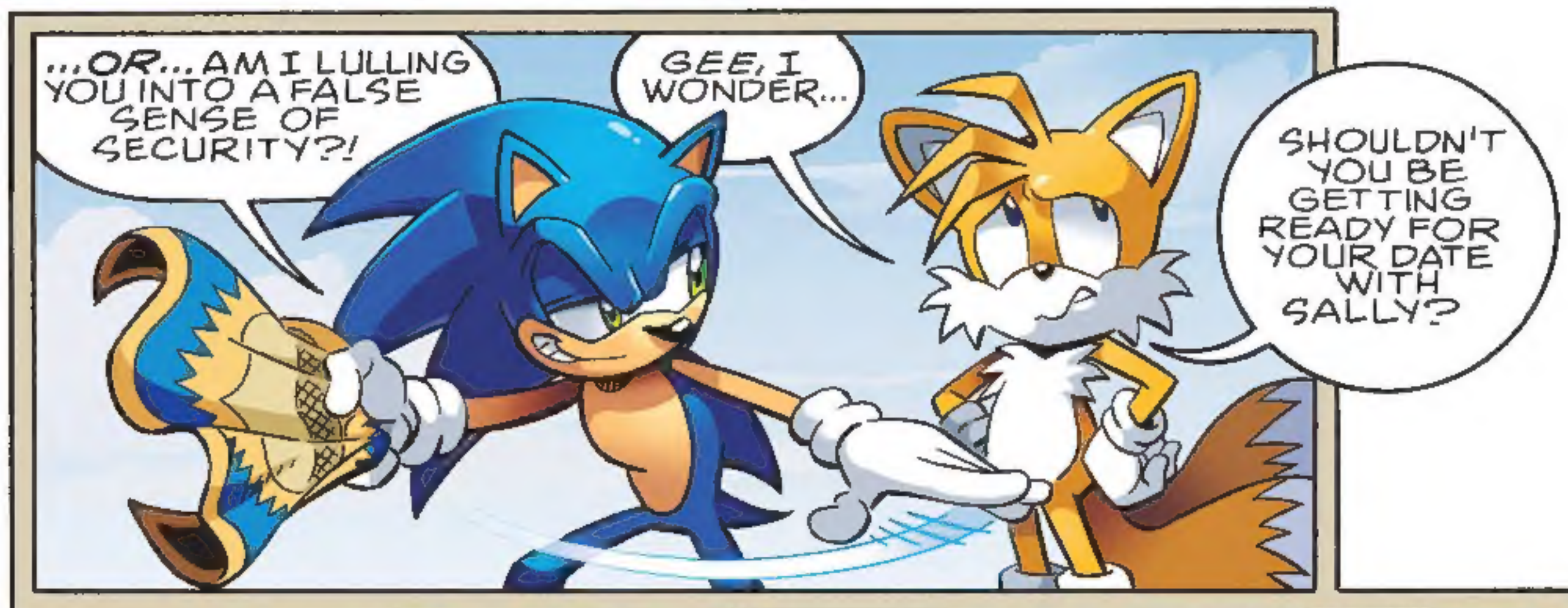
HOW ABOUT SOMEWHERE LESS OBVIOUS?

OBVIOUS?



YEAH. SOME PLACE THAT ISN'T CHUCK'S DINER OR UNDER YOUR BED.

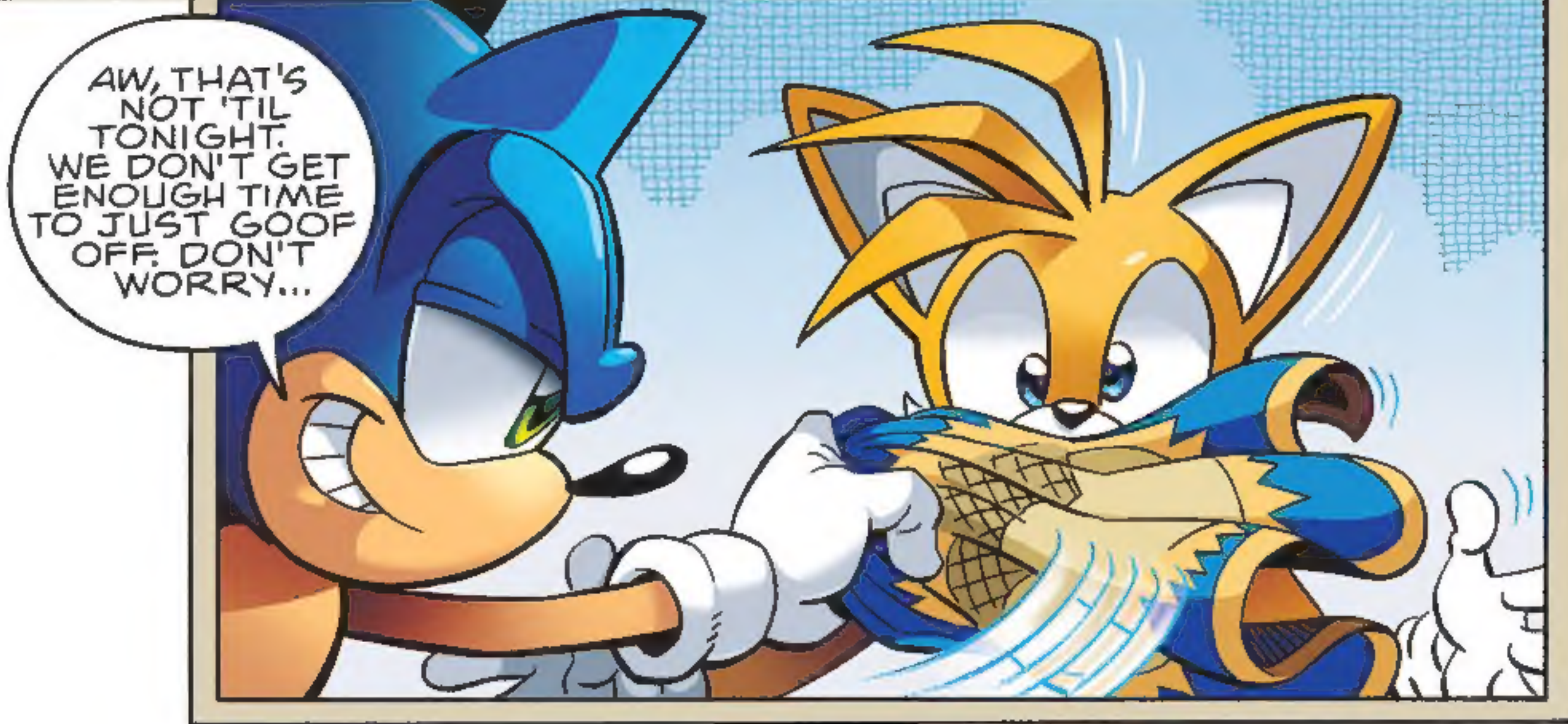
MAYBE I AM IN A BIT OF A RUT...



...OR... AM I LULLING YOU INTO A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY?!

GEE, I WONDER...

SHOULDN'T YOU BE GETTING READY FOR YOUR DATE WITH SALLY?



AW, THAT'S NOT 'TIL TONIGHT. WE DON'T GET ENOUGH TIME TO JUST GOOF OFF. DON'T WORRY...

"...I'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME."

"...AND ASIDE FROM THE USUAL YAGYU RAIDS, THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING WELL."

STORMTOP VILLAGE--
DRAGON KINGDOM.

THE OTHER CLANS HAVE BEEN COOPERATING?



OH, THEY'RE STILL BICKERING AND POSTURING AND BLAH, BLAH, BLAH!

POLITICS ARE NEVER EASY.



"OBNOXIOUS, BUT SHE'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE."



YEAH, YEAH, BUT THE FREE PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN PEACE, SO I CAN'T REALLY COMPLAIN.

AND THE IRON QUEEN?



BUT YOU DIDN'T
COME HERE JUST
TO CHECK UP ON
THE DRAGON
KINGDOM.

I...WELL...I
DO CARE...
IT'S JUST...



THINGS ARE...TENSE
AT HOME. PEOPLE ARE
NERVOUS ABOUT
NICOLE. EGGMAN IS
STILL MISSING, AND
THEN SOMEONE WE
THOUGHT WE
TRUSTED...

NUH-LUH.
YOU DON'T
RUN FROM
CHAL-
LENGES
LIKE THAT,
WHAT IS IT,
REALLY
?



I HAVE A
DATE WITH
SONIC
TONIGHT.

THERE
WE GO.
YOU CAN
TELL ME
THESE
THINGS.





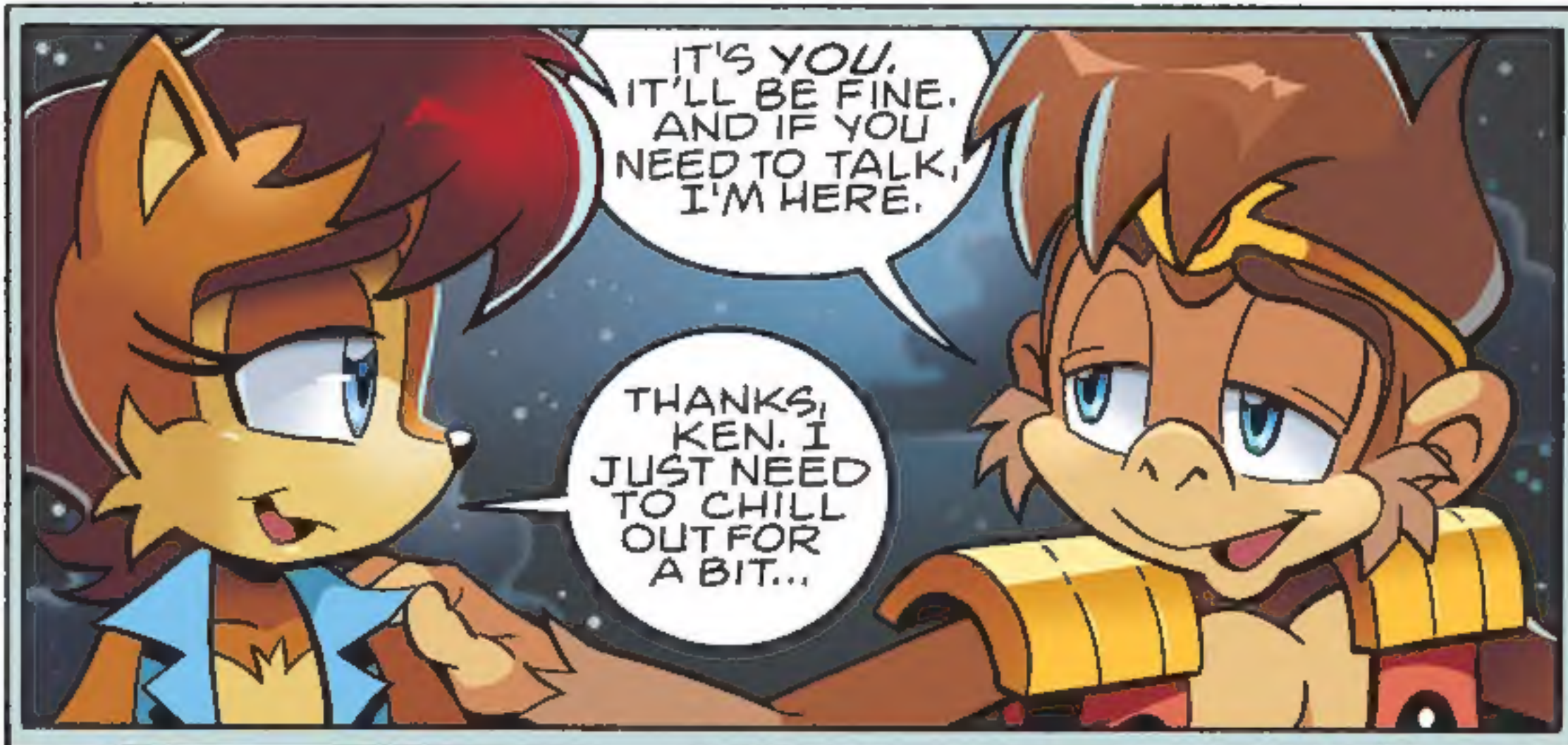
ISN'T THIS EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANTED?

IT IS. I THINK IT IS. I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT WRECKING THINGS.



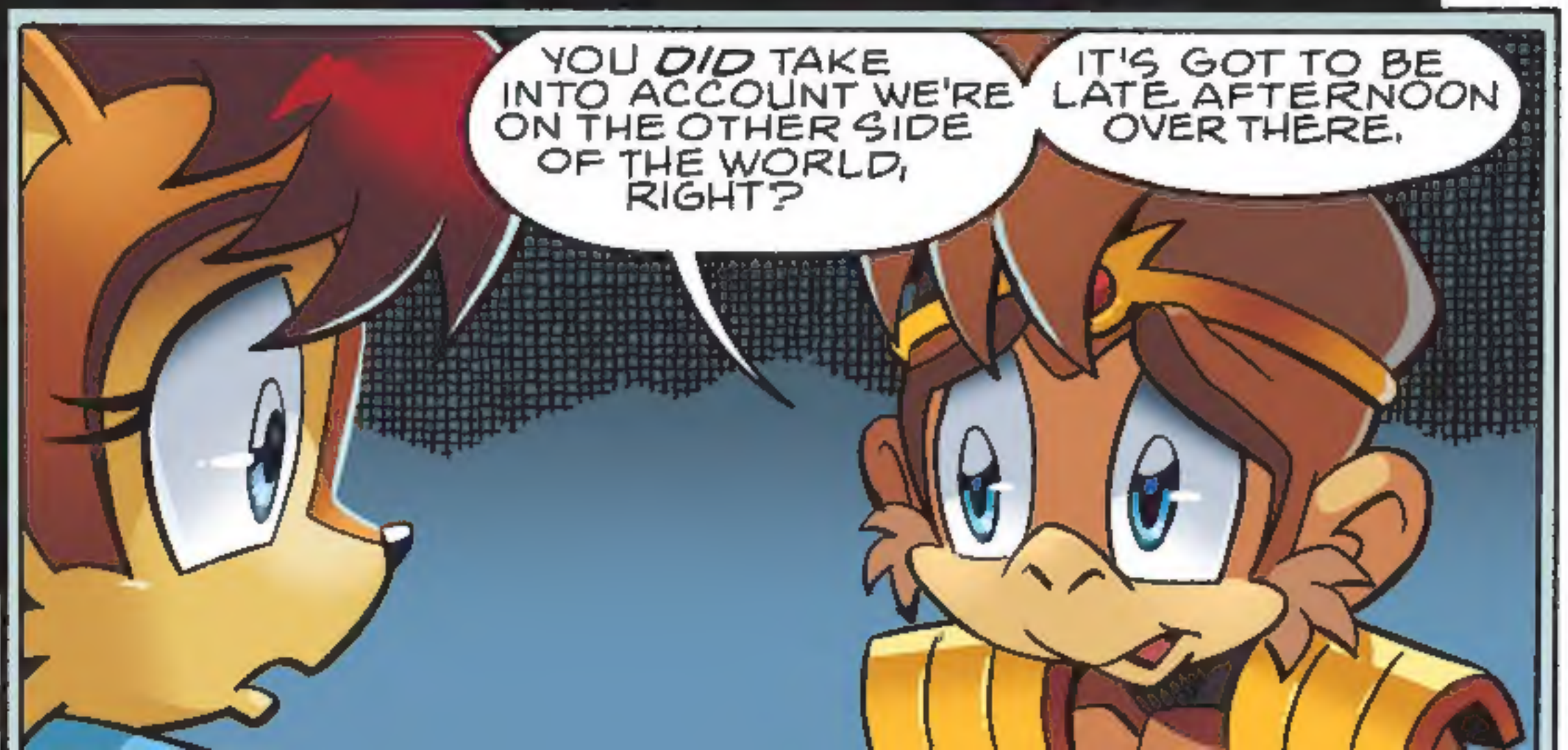
EVERYTHING WAS SO EASY BEFORE... BEFORE I MESS'D IT ALL UP... * SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED SINCE THE BREAK-UP... I'M NOT SURE WE'RE THE SAME PEOPLE WE ONCE WERE...

*SEE STH #134.



IT'S YOU. IT'LL BE FINE. AND IF YOU NEED TO TALK, I'M HERE.

THANKS, KEN. I JUST NEED TO CHILL OUT FOR A BIT...



YOU DID TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WE'RE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD, RIGHT?

IT'S GOT TO BE LATE AFTERNOON OVER THERE.



OH, MY GOSH! I CAN'T BELIEVE I--! THANKS FOR LISTENING, KEN! I'VE GOT TO--

I KNOW... SEE YOU LATER, SALLY.



NEW MOBO-TROPOLIS.

HAHAHA! YOU'RE TOO--

SORRY! I'LL SEE YOU--



OOF!



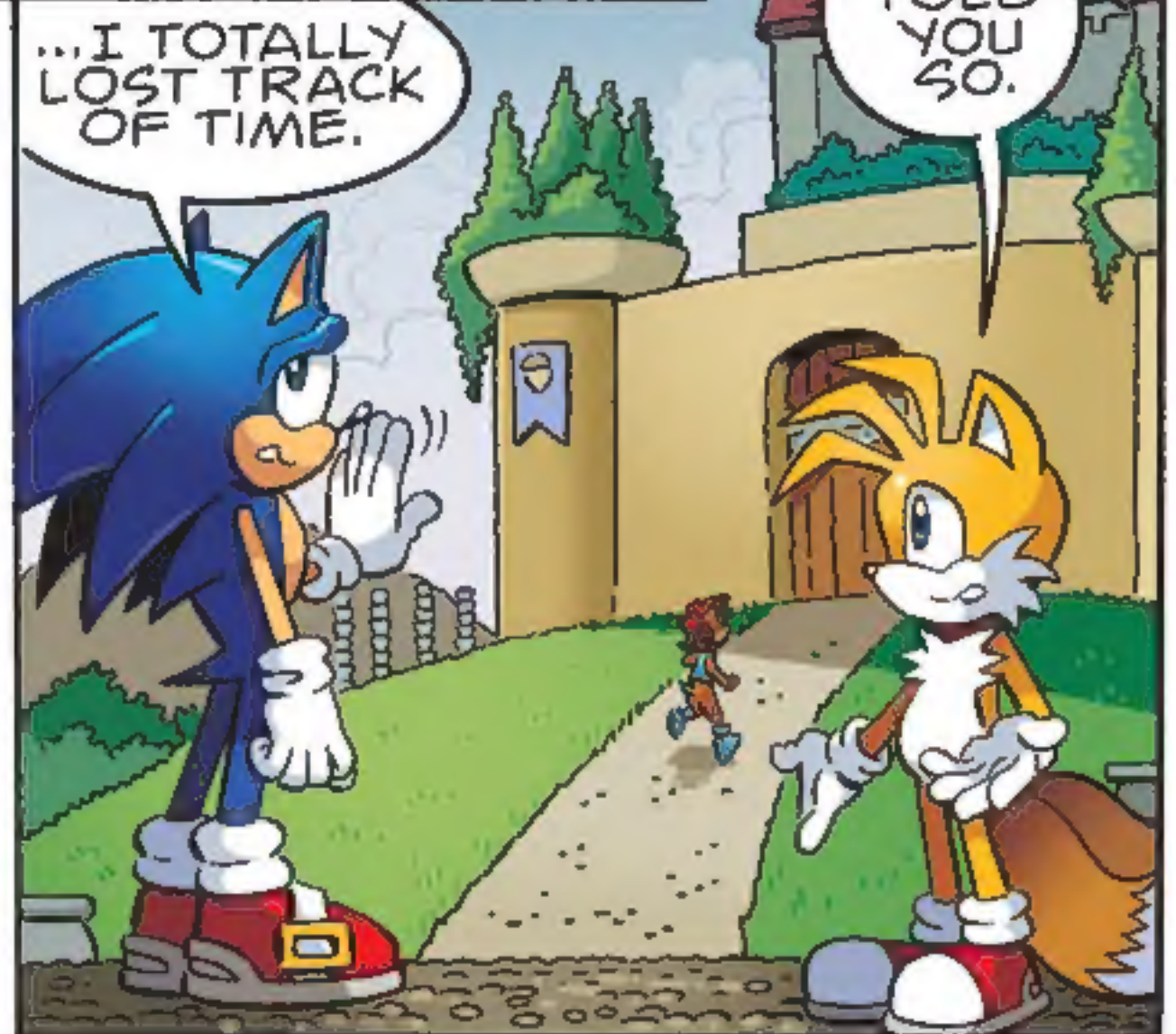
WHOA, SORRY, SAL. DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE.

NO, I'M SORRY, I... MIGHT BE A LITTLE LATE TONIGHT.



S'COOL.

THANKS. HI, TAILS. I'VE GOT TO RUN!



...I TOTALLY LOST TRACK OF TIME.

I TOLD YOU SO.



WHAT AM I GOING TO DO, MOTHER?

I HAVE NO PLAN FOR THIS!



WHAT'S UP, SONNY-BOY? EGGMAN BACK?

NOT THIS TIME, UNCLE CHUCK!

I'M GOING TO BE LATE FOR A DATE!



I'M AFRAID I'M OF NO HELP, DEAR. DATING WAS... DIFFERENT... IN MY DAY,



NERVOUS?

ME? NAH, I JUST WANT THIS TO GO RIGHT FOR SAL.



FORMAL? CASUAL?

I DON'T KNOW !!!

HOW SERIOUS IS THIS DATE?



NO WORRYING ABOUT THE NANITE STUFF.

NO WORRYING ABOUT ST. JOHN...



WHAT ABOUT THE HAIR? UP? DOWN? DO I HAVE TIME TO ASK BUNNIE?

SALLY...



I WANT THIS TO GO PERFECTLY FOR HER. JUST...

...CHILLING OUT LIKE OLD TIMES.

SONIC...



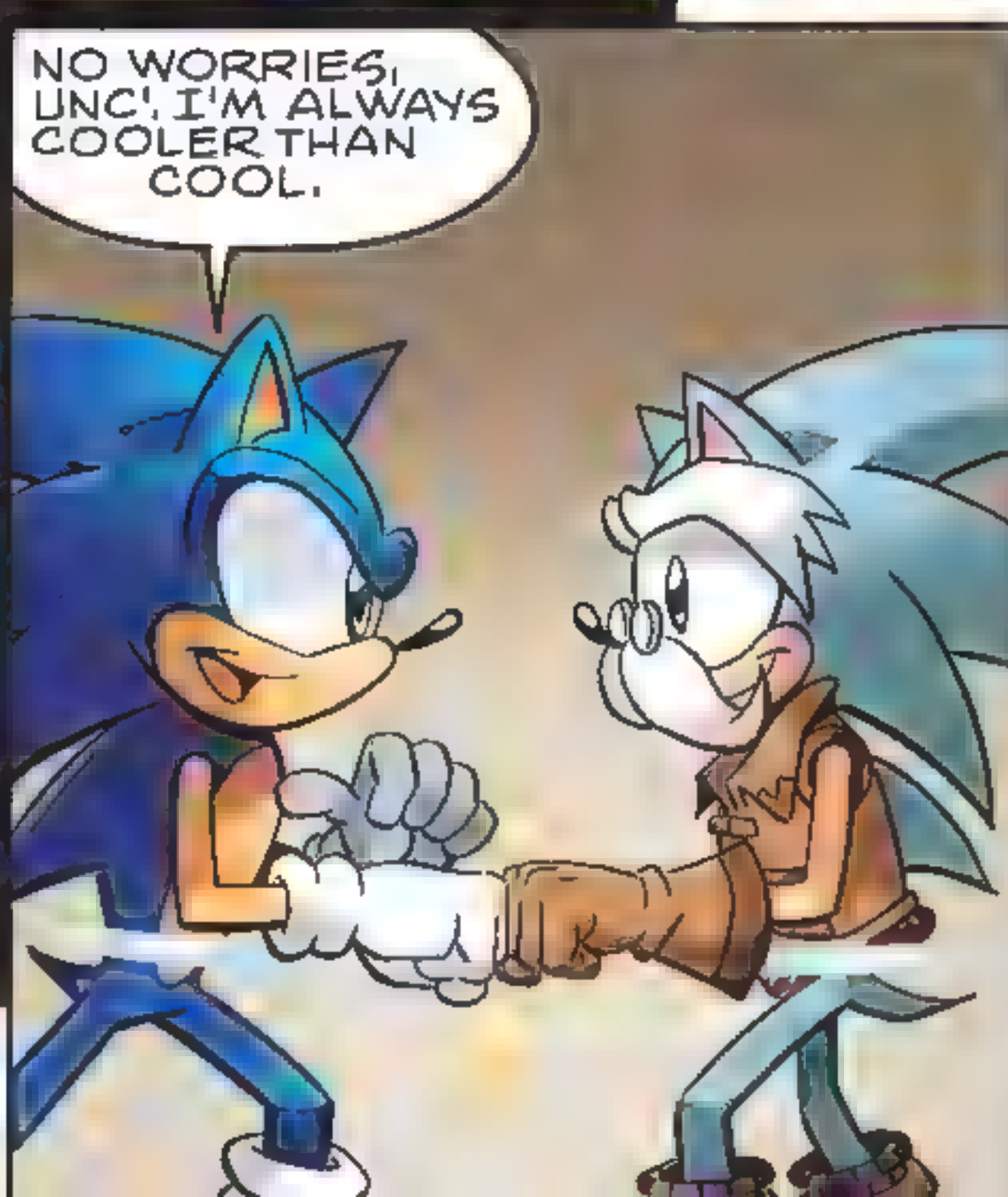
BE YOURSELF. THAT'S THE GIRL HE FELL FOR.



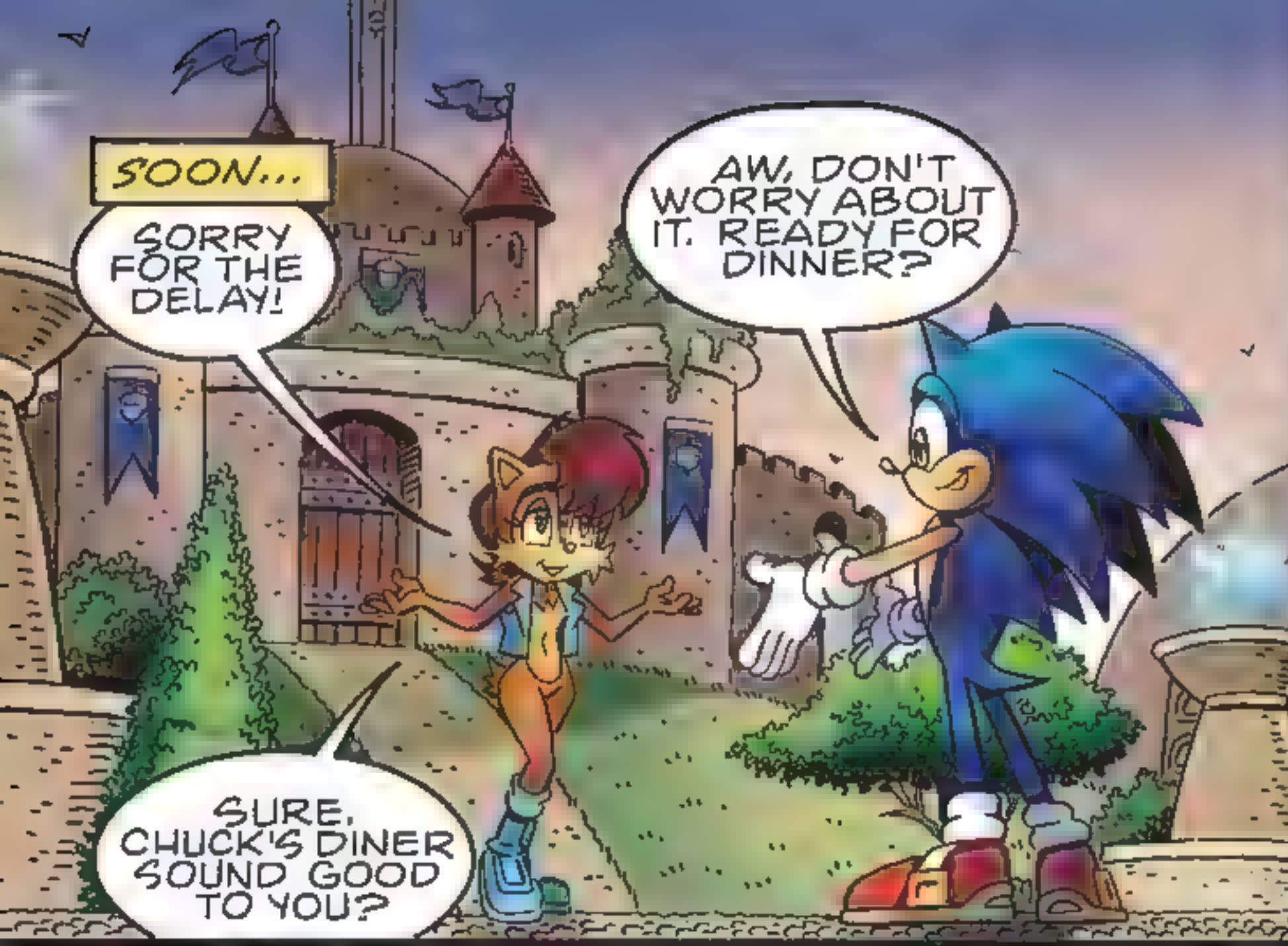
JUST RELAX AND ACT THE WAY YOU ALWAYS DO. JUST LIKE OLD TIMES.



I'M NOT SURE I KNOW HOW TO BE THAT, BUT... THANKS.



NO WORRIES, UNC! I'M ALWAYS COOLER THAN COOL.



SOON...

SORRY FOR THE DELAY!

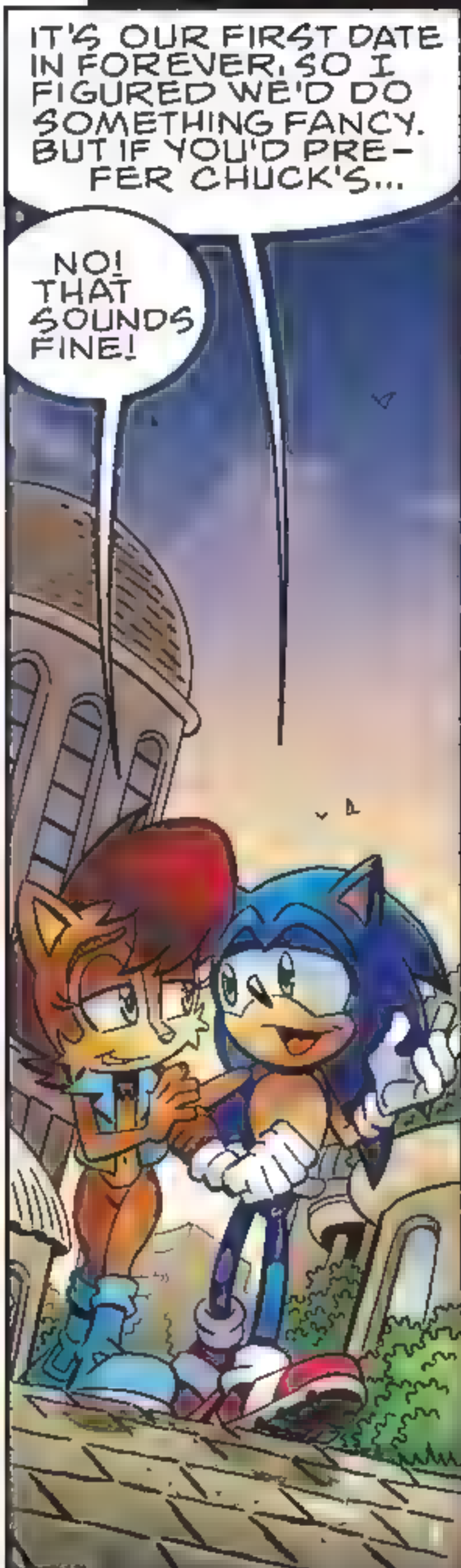
AW, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. READY FOR DINNER?

SURE, CHUCK'S DINER SOUND GOOD TO YOU?



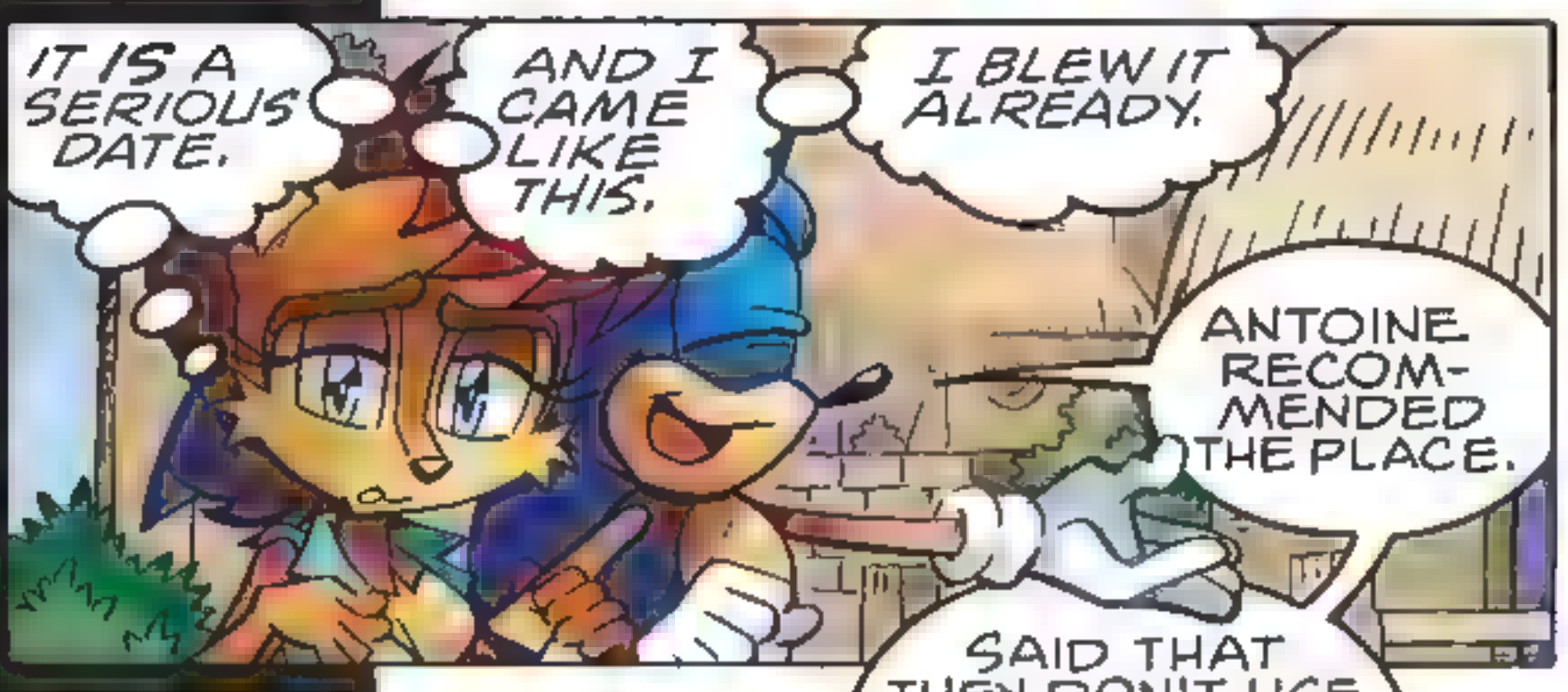
NORMALLY, YEAH, BUT I GOT US RESERVATIONS AT CREME DE LA CREME.

YOU DID?



IT'S OUR FIRST DATE IN FOREVER, SO I FIGURED WE'D DO SOMETHING FANCY. BUT IF YOU'D PREFER CHUCK'S...

NO! THAT SOUNDS FINE!



IT IS A SERIOUS DATE.

AND I CAME LIKE THIS.

I BLEW IT ALREADY.

ANTOINE RECOMMENDED THE PLACE.

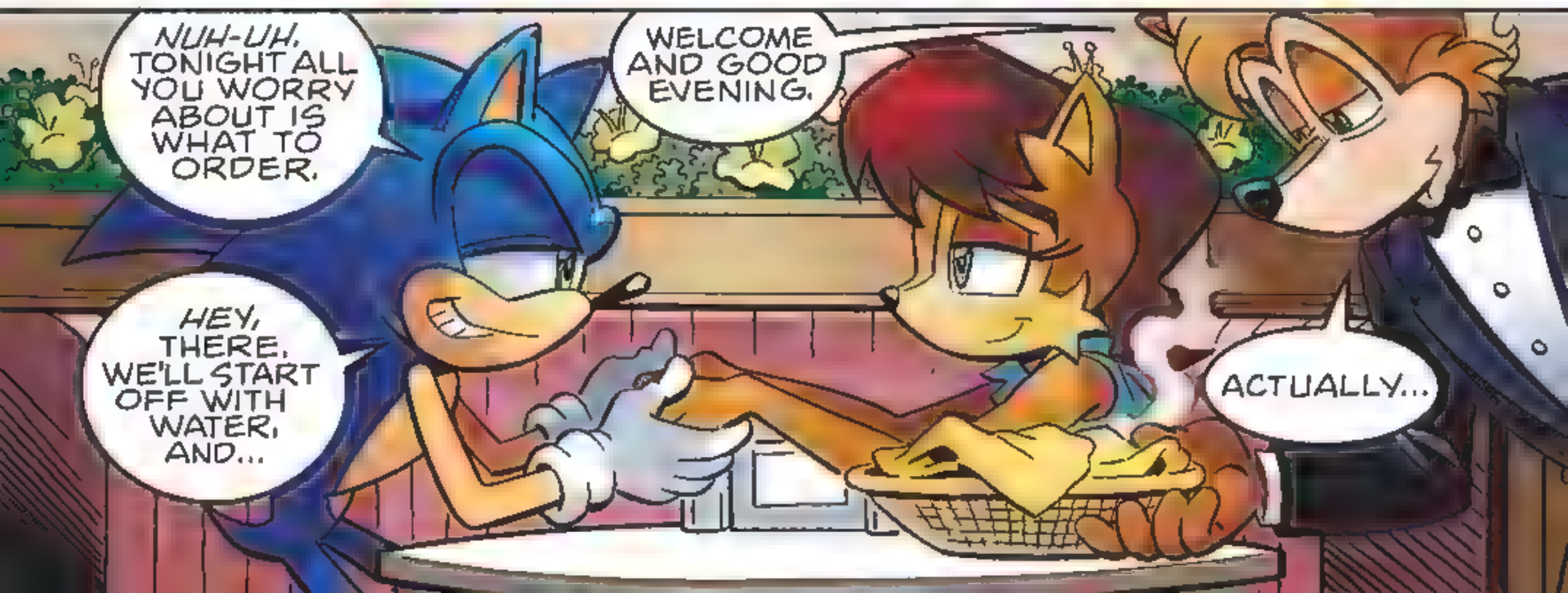
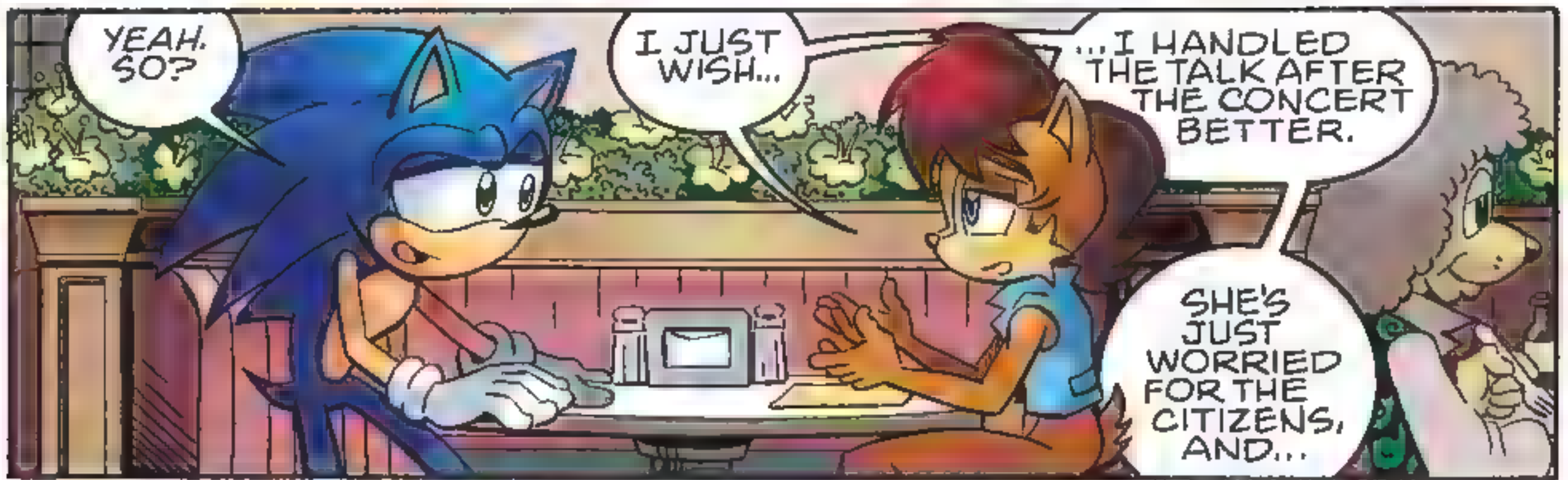
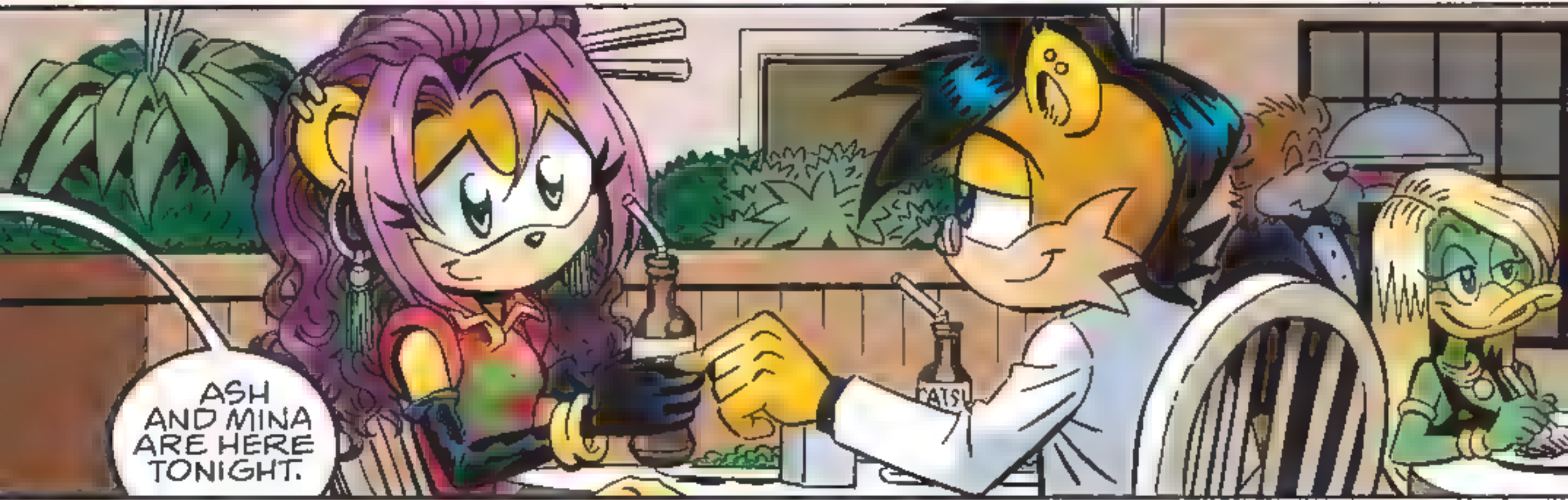
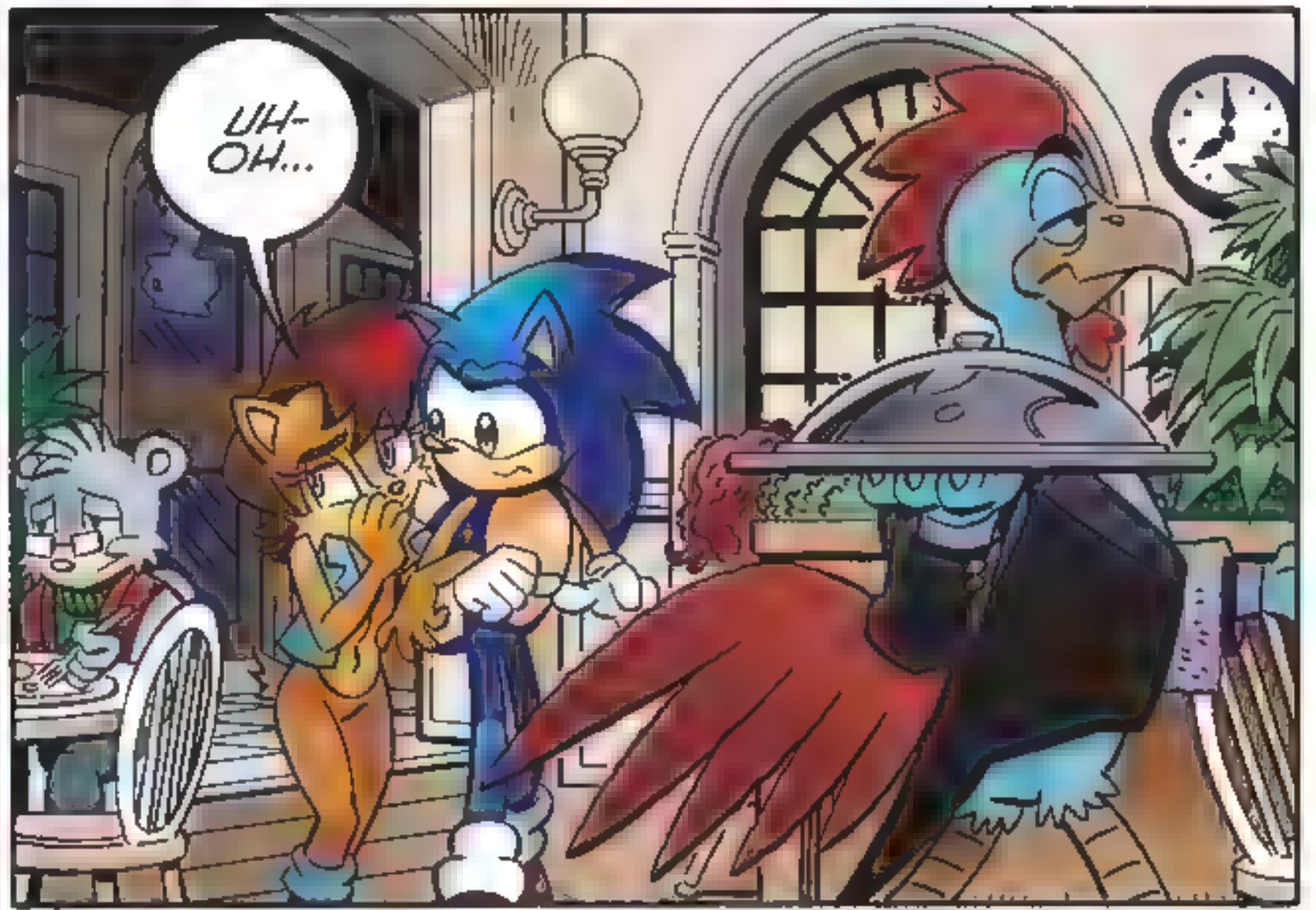
SAID THAT THEY DON'T USE MARGARINE, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...



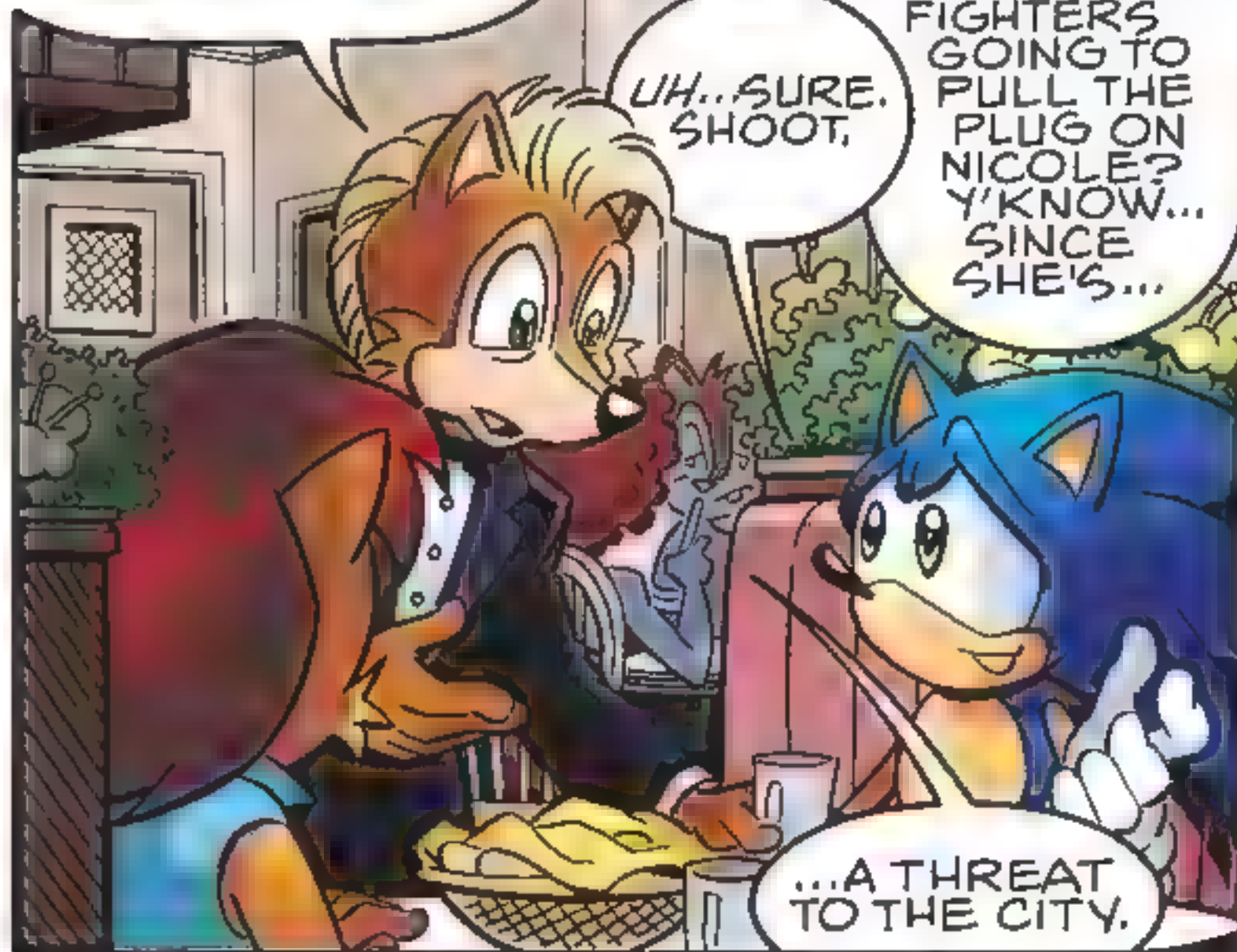
AND SO...

RESERVATION FOR TWO, UNDER "SONIC."

I'M SORRY, SIR, I DON'T...



I WAS WONDERING IF I MIGHT ASK YOU SOMETHING FIRST.



UH... SURE. SHOOT.

WHEN ARE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS GOING TO PULL THE PLUG ON NICOLE? Y'KNOW... SINCE SHE'S...

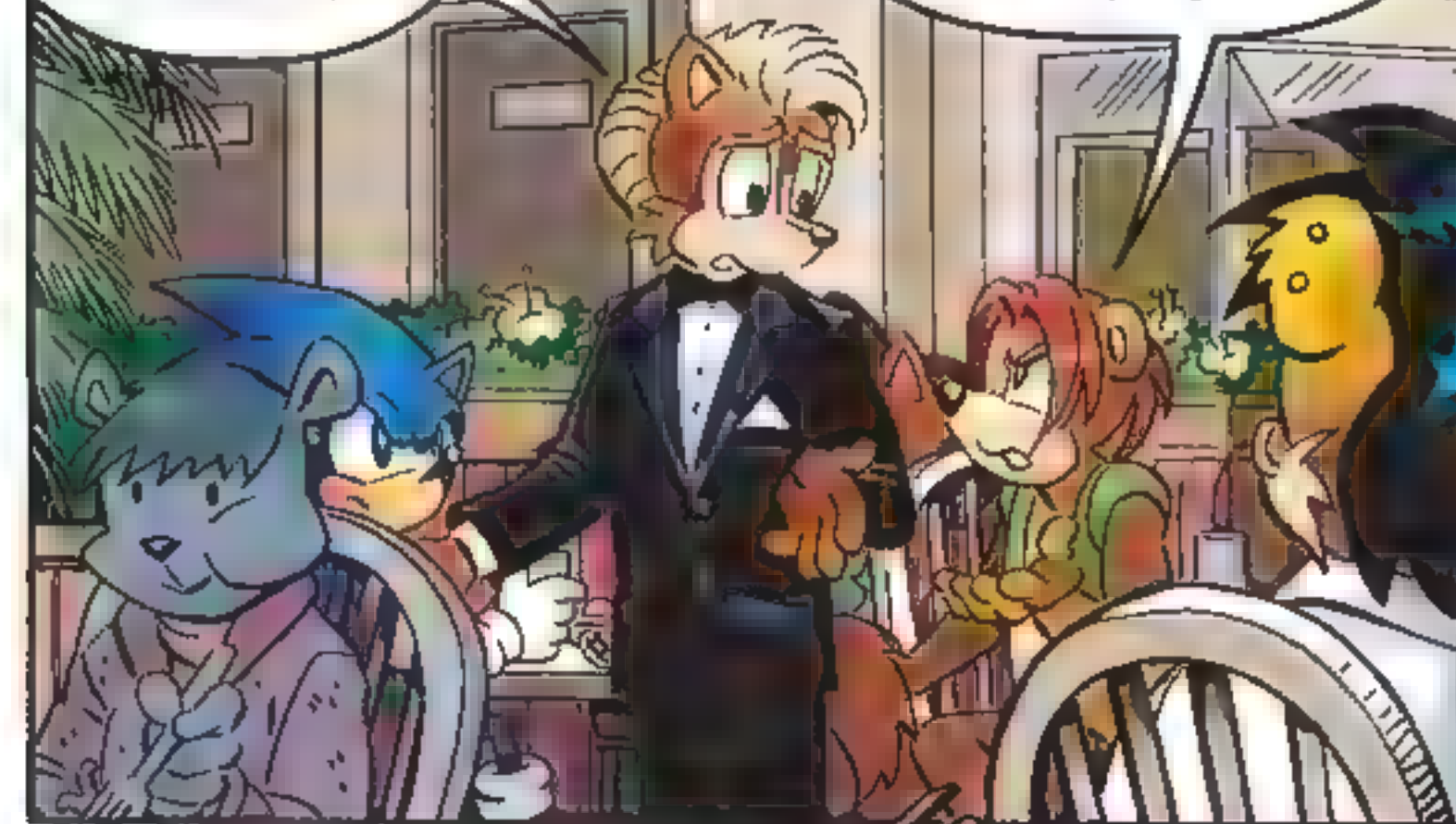
...A THREAT TO THE CITY.

WE'RE DOING NO SUCH THING. WE--

YEAH! NICOLE IS A FREEDOM FIGHTER TOO!



SHE HELPED CAPTURE AND LEGIONIZE MOBBIANS!



THE IRON QUEEN WAS USING MIND CONTROL, DUH!

~SIGH~ LET'S GO, ASH.



SURE. BUT NO DESSERT?



I CAN'T. NOT WITH THAT GOING ON.

"THIS ISN'T WHAT MY MUSIC WAS SUPPOSED TO CREATE."

--THERE'S STILL NO EXCUSE FOR--

--YEAH, WELL, I THINK--



--SAVED US ALL BACK WHEN--

--NEITHER OF YOU REALIZE THAT--

SUDDENLY
I'VE LOST MY
APPETITE.
DO YOU WANT
TO...?

YES,
PLEASE.

HEY! WAIT!
WHAT DO YOU
HAVE TO SAY
ABOUT THIS?

YEAH! YOU'RE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
YOU'VE GOT TO DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT THIS.

LOOK!
GUYS!
COULD YOU
JUST--!

GIVE
IT A
REST!



"AND RIGHT NOW, SALLY MAKES HIM HAPPY."

TELL ME SOMETHING, SONIC.

HMM?

WERE YOU WAITING FOR ME ALL THIS TIME?

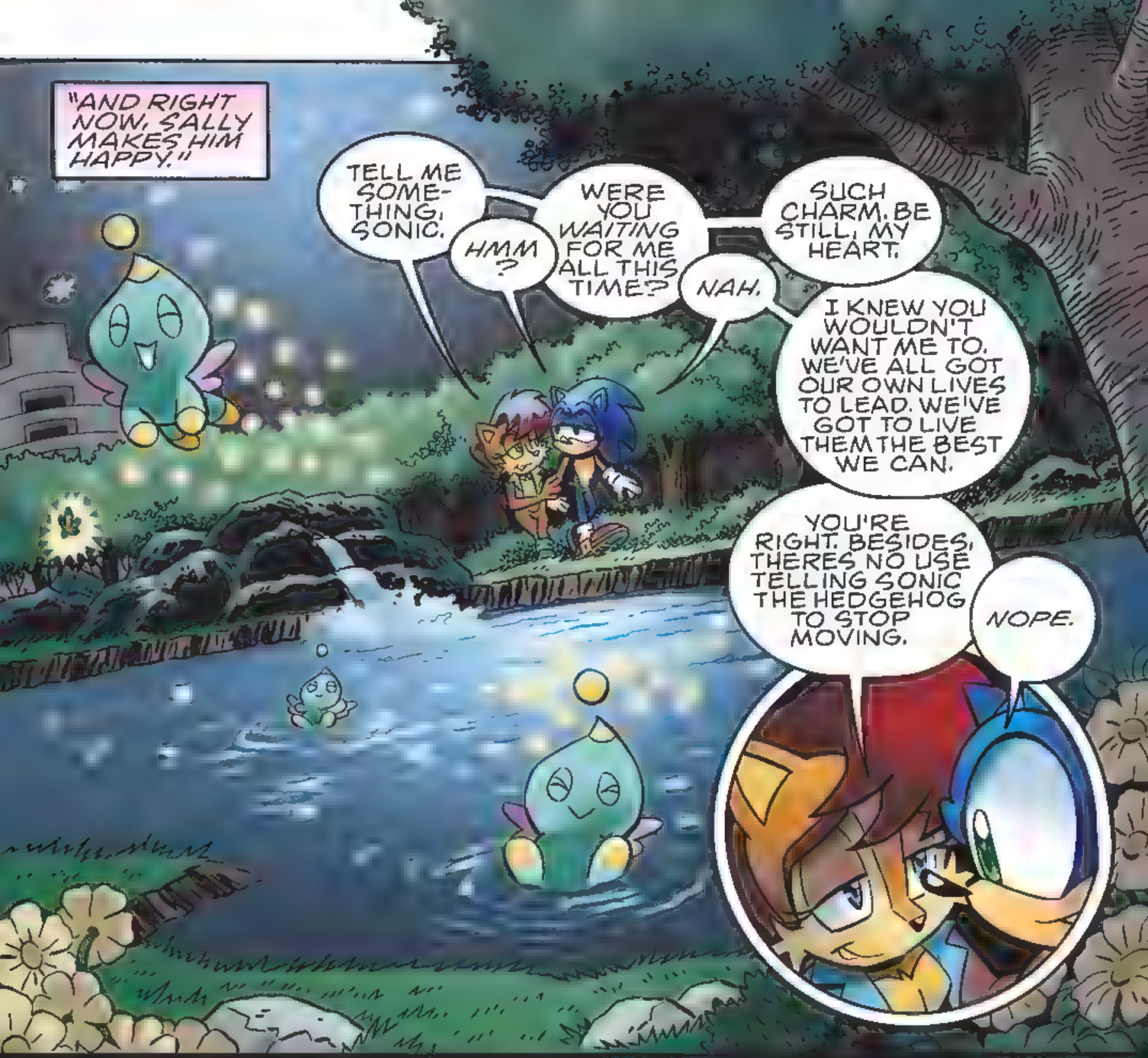
NAH.

SUCH CHARM. BE STILL, MY HEART.

I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T WANT ME TO. WE'VE ALL GOT OUR OWN LIVES TO LEAD. WE'VE GOT TO LIVE THEM THE BEST WE CAN.

YOU'RE RIGHT. BESIDES, THERES NO USE TELLING SONIC THE HEDGEHOG TO STOP MOVING.

NOPE.

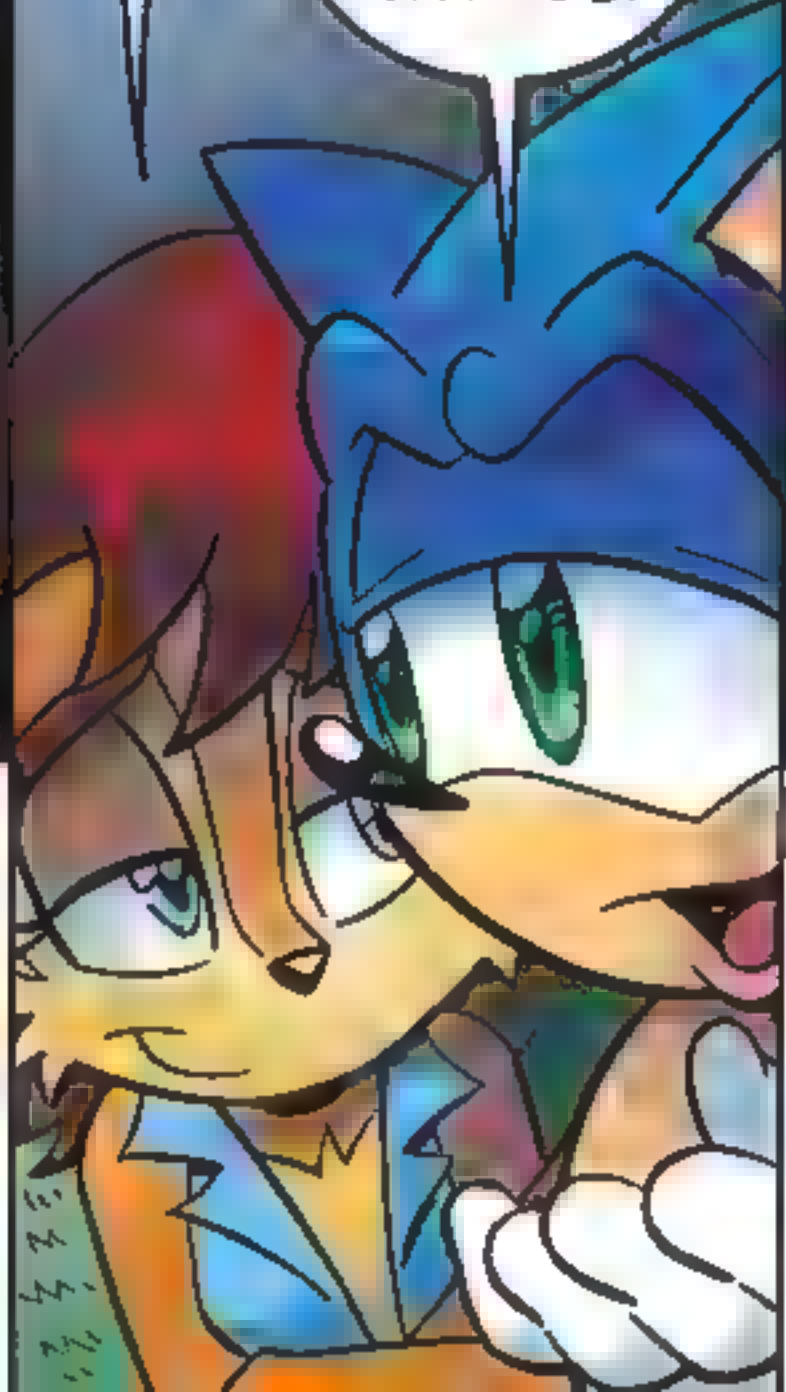


BUT... FIONA?

I NEVER SAID I ALWAYS MADE THE RIGHT MOVES.

SO YOU WOULD'VE BEEN OKAY IF I STAYED WITH KEN KHAN?

WELL...HE'S A STEP UP FROM GEOFFREY, BUT THAT'S NOT SAYING MUCH.



HA HA HA!
YOU WERE
JEALOUS!

YEAH, WELL,
YOU WERE
JEALOUS OF
MINA, AND WE
DIDN'T EVEN
HAVE ANY-
THING
GOING ON.

I SEE
HOW IT IS!
I OPEN UP
TO YOU,
AND YOU
TURN IT
BACK ON
ME!

HAHA!
YEP,
ALWAYS
ONE STEP
AHEAD OF
EVERY-
ONE!

WELL, DON'T GET
TOO MUCH FURTHER
AHEAD.

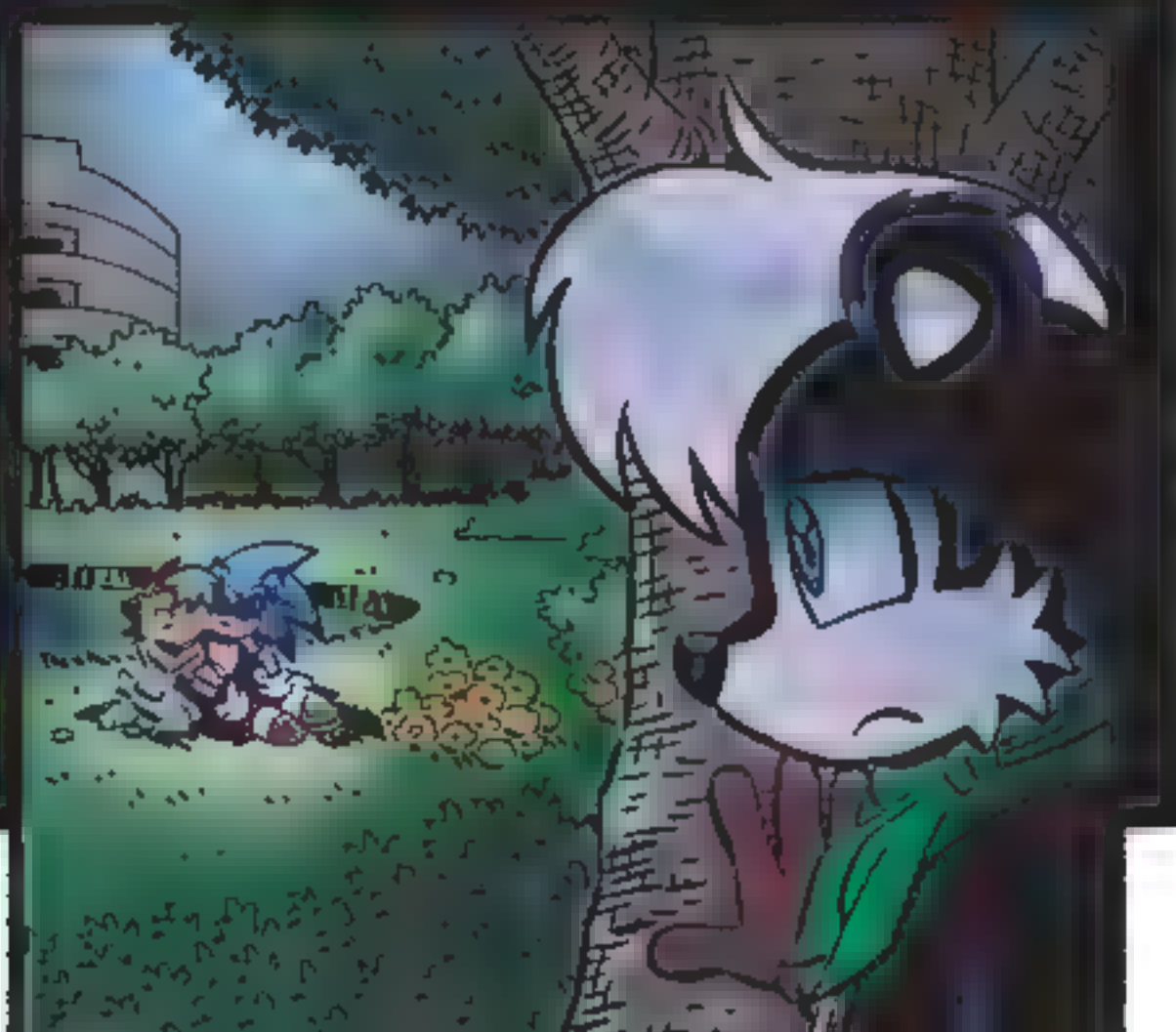
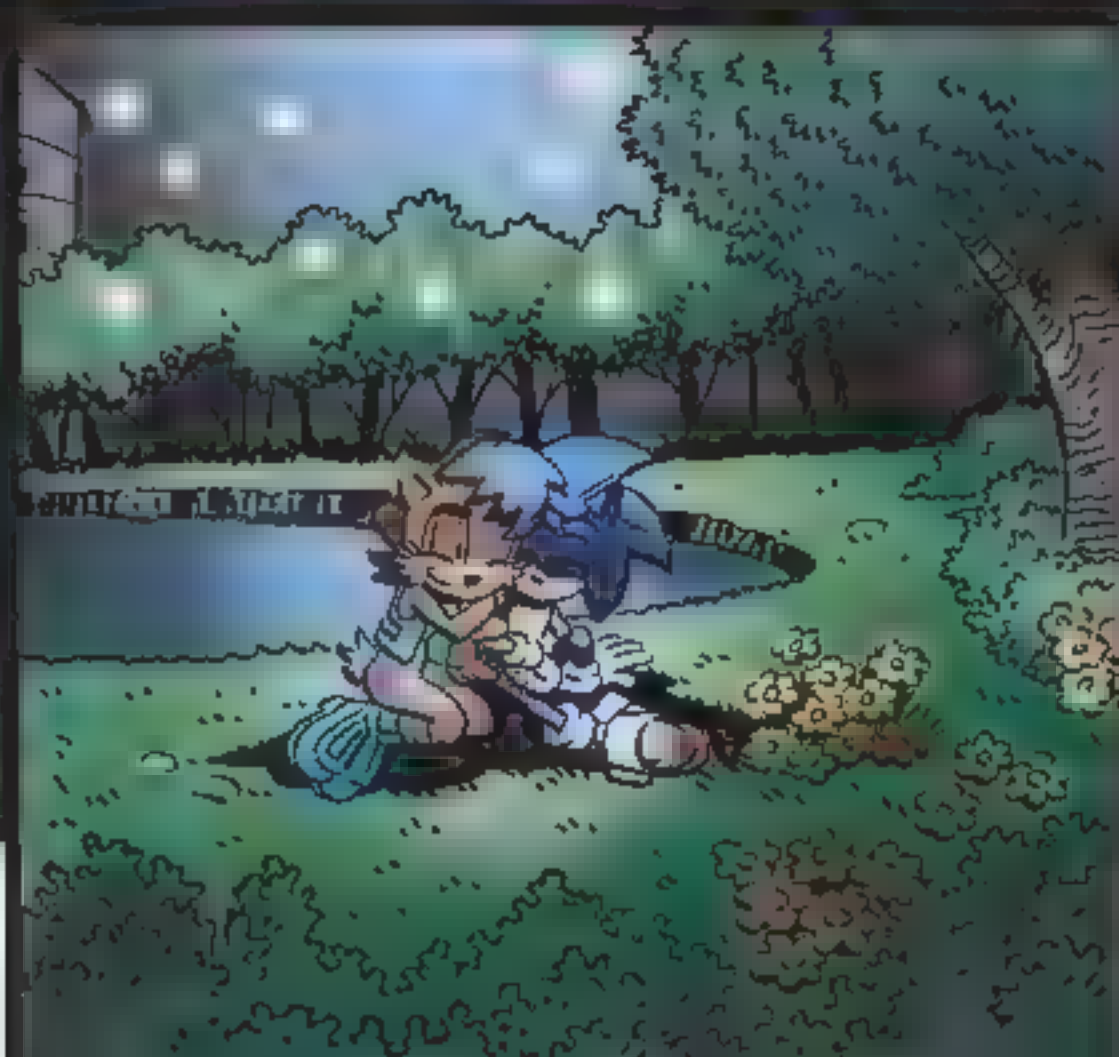
NO? WHY
NOT?

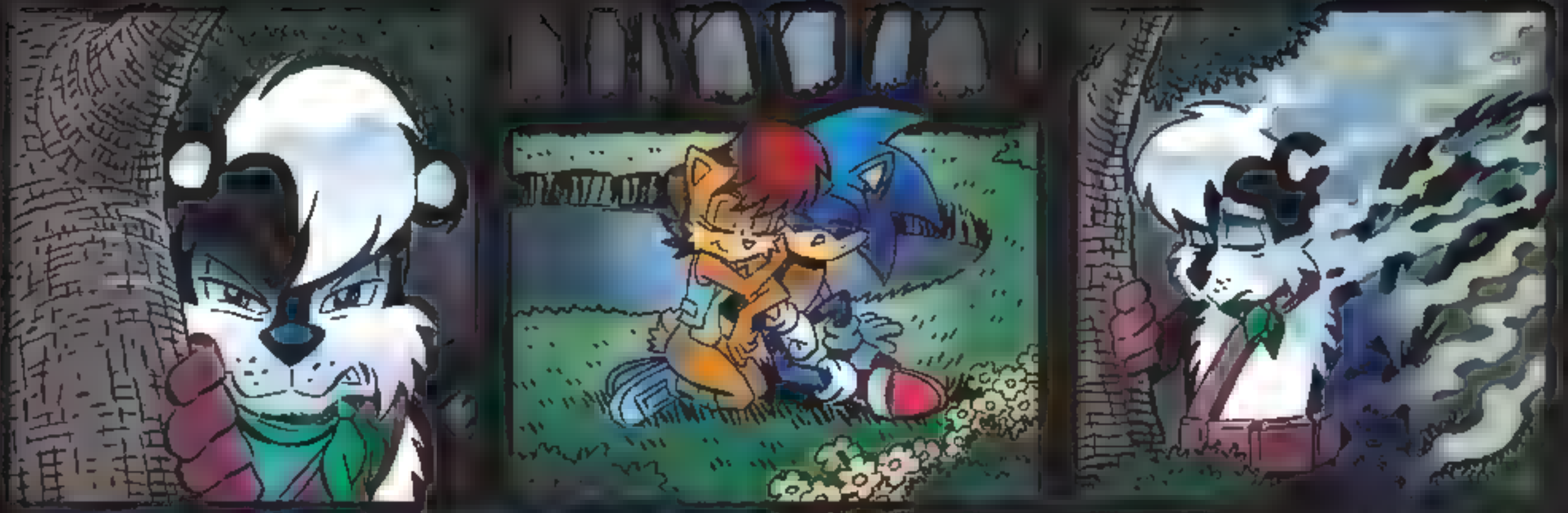
BECAUSE
I WANT TO
BE AT YOUR
SIDE.

REALLY?
THINK YOU
CAN KEEP
UP?

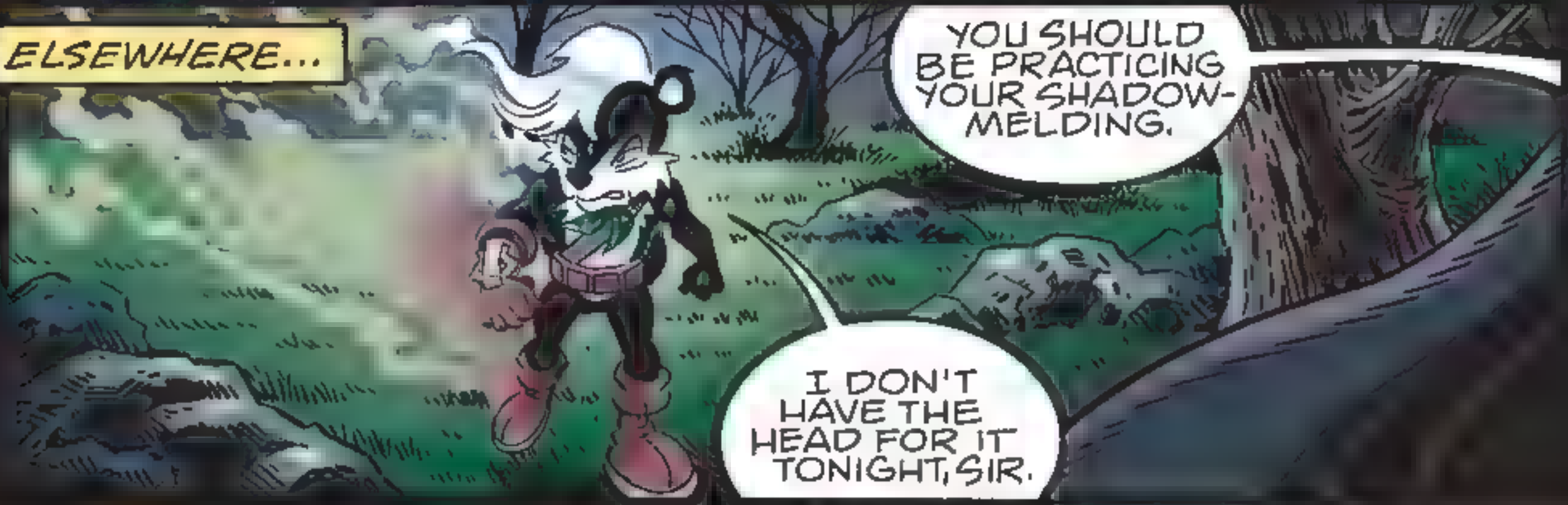
IF
LET
ME.

YEAH
... I
GUESS
I CAN
SLOW
DOWN
FOR
YOU.





ELSEWHERE...



YOU SHOULD BE PRACTICING YOUR SHADOW-MELDING.

I DON'T HAVE THE HEAD FOR IT TONIGHT, SIR.

CLEAR YOUR THOUGHTS, BOY! TOMORROW, NEW MOBOTROPOLIS WILL BE MINE!

IXIS NAUGUS IS READY TO MAKE HIS MOVE! WILL SONIC AND THE OTHERS BE READY FOR WHAT'S TO COME? FIND OUT NEXT TIME! UNTIL THEN, ENJOY SONIC UNIVERSE, THE SONIC ARCHIVES, AND SONIC SELECTS!



SECOND IMPRESSIONS

PART TWO

LAKE OF RINGS...

G-GOOD EVENING, KNUCKLES, ENJOYING THE NIGHT SKY?

YEAH, VERY PEACEFUL. WHAT'S UP?



IT'S ABOUT WHAT WE DISCUSSED EARLIER... * ABOUT THERE BEING NO MORE SECRETS BETWEEN US.

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NOT THAT I'VE KEPT ANY MORE SECRETS... MAYBE DELAYED TELLING YOU, BUT, ER...

IT'S SENSITIVE INFO. WE REQUIRED A DELICATE TOUCH!

RIGHT! SO, YOU SEE, I--

*SEE STH #212.

RELAX. I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. BESIDES, WHATEVER IT IS...

...CAN'T BE THAT BAD.

SOON, AT THE SCIENCE CENTER...

HELLO, KNUCKLES. IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HASN'T IT?

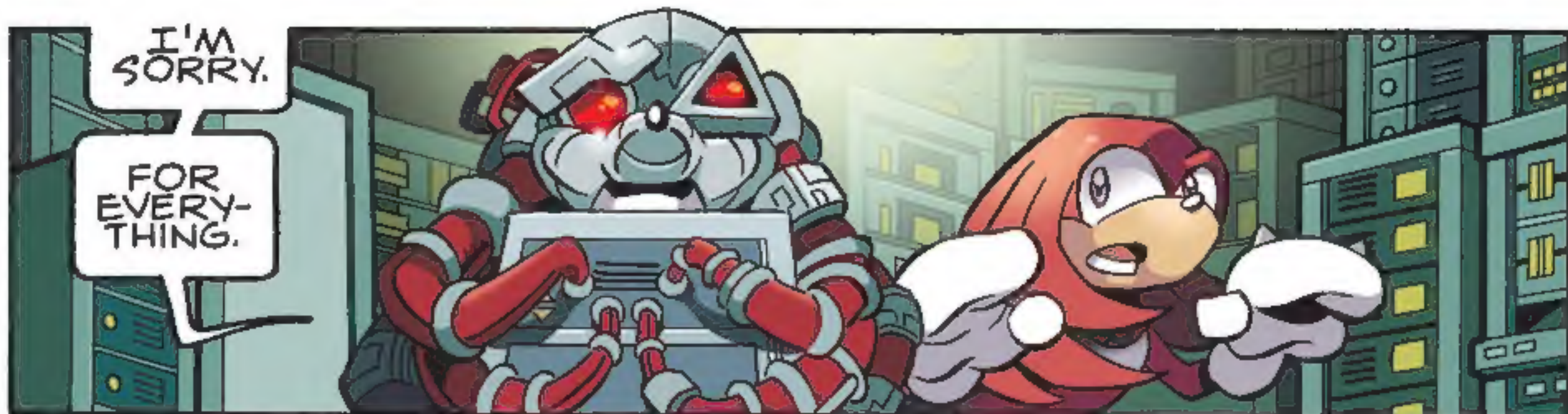
HIM?!

HE'S PLUGGED INTO WHATEVER THAT IS, HE'S *HERE*, AND NOBODY TOLD ME?!

I JUST FOUND OUT...?

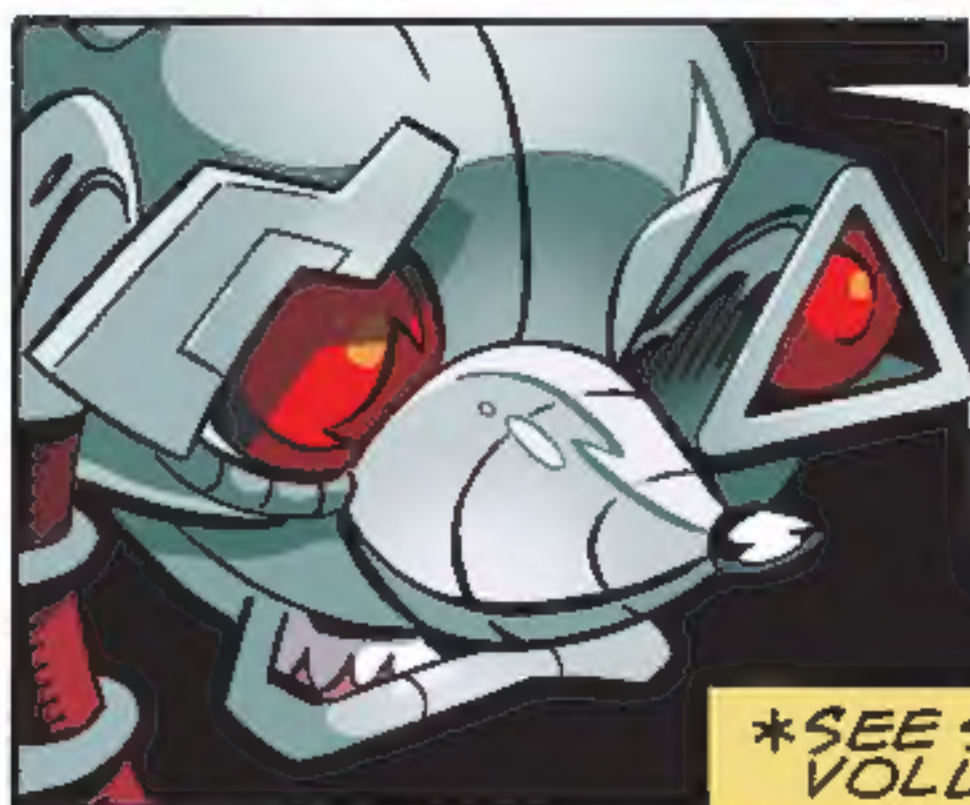
THEY KNOW OUR TROUBLED HISTORY, AND I ASKED TO REMAIN HIDDEN UNTIL I HAD THE STRENGTH TO SPEAK TO YOU.

FINE, TALK.



I'M SORRY.

FOR EVERYTHING.



I DON'T KNOW WHICH IS MORE SHAMEFUL, MY CRIPPLING PRIDE, OR HOW LONG IT TOOK ME TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT. WITH EACH MISTAKE I MADE, I THOUGHT THAT I AND ONLY I COULD RIGHT IT. HAD I JUST LISTENED TO MY BROTHER BACK THEN, WE BOTH WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LIVE OUR LIVES WITH OUR FAMILIES.*

*SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOLUME 9.



AND NOW LOOK AT ME. LOOK AT US.



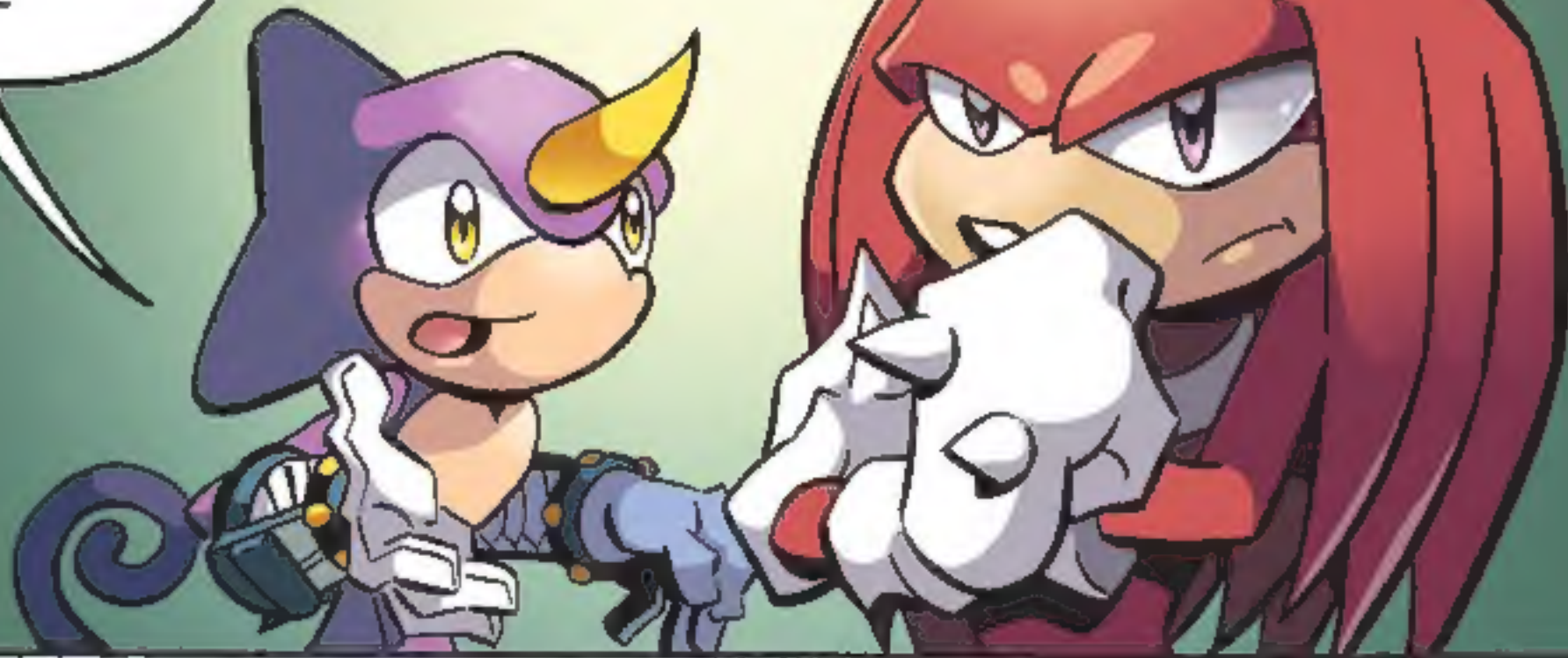
I COULD NOT LEAD THE DARK LEGION DOWN THE PROPER PATH. I COULD NOT SAVE THEM FROM DR. ROBOTNIK. I FREELY ADMIT THAT I HAVE BEEN IN THE WRONG, AND THAT I AM LOST. PLEASE, I ASK FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS AND YOUR GUIDANCE...



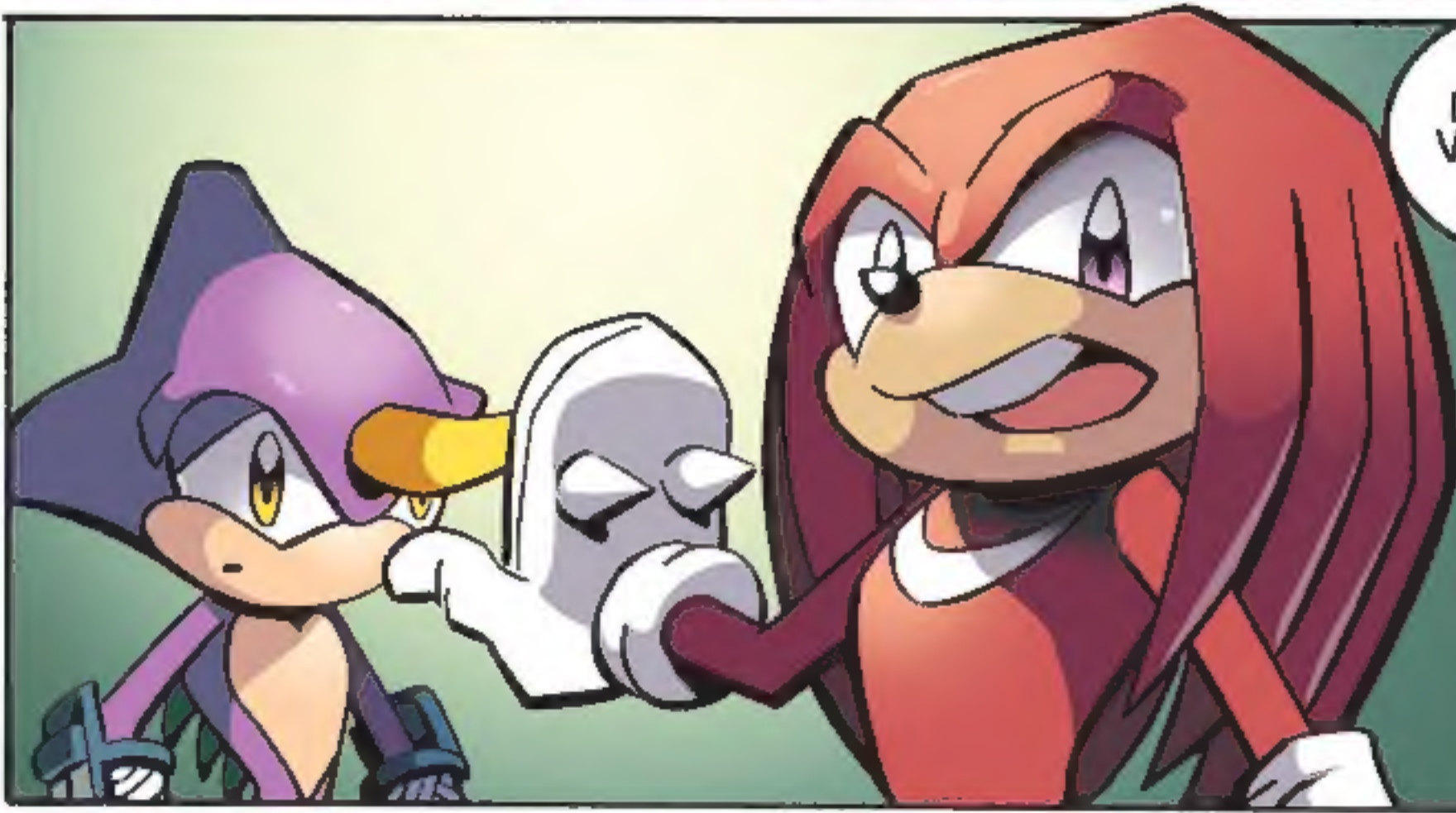
...GUARDIAN.



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, I THINK HE'S TELLING THE--



HOW DID YOU WIND UP HERE?



SONIC AND TAILS RESCUED ME AFTER I WAS DISABLED BY LIEN-DA.*

ARMED WITH EXPLOSIVES SO THEY WON'T OPPOSE THE DOCTOR, LIEN-DA WILL HAVE GIVEN THEM A CHIP TO BLOCK THE DETONATOR, BUT THEY WILL BE PRONE TO MIND-CONTROL.**

SO HALF OUR KIND ARE EITHER SLAVES OR AS GOOD AS DEAD.

AND THE LEGION?

PLEASE DO NOT PUNCH ME IN THE FACE. IT'S ALL I HAVE LEFT.



*STH # 212.
**STH # 206.



LISTEN UP! YOU'RE GOING BACK TO ANGEL ISLAND, I'M PLUGGING YOU INTO WHAT'S LEFT OF HAVEN, AND YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE TRYING TO FIX THIS MESS!

I... I WILL! THANK YOU!



I'LL TALK TO JULIE-SU AND SEE WHAT SHE CAN DO. GET READY TO WORK, OLD MAN.

YES! I WILL! THANK YOU, GUARDIAN!



AS FOR YOU TWO...



... I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU DID HERE AND WHY. THANKS.



THAT WENT BETTER THAN EXPECTED.

END